



Space shuttle Discovery is seen on launch pad 39A at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Fla., Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2010. The final launch of Discovery has been delayed again, this time because of an electrical problem. NASA decided early Tuesday evening to delay the liftoff until at least Thursday, Nov. 4.

## NASA gives 'go' for Thurs. launch as storms loom

By MARCIA DUNN

AP Aerospace Writer  
CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — NASA will try to launch space shuttle Discovery on Thursday. Mission managers met Wednesday afternoon and into the evening to discuss an electrical problem that forced a one-day delay for Discovery's final voyage. They concluded the shuttle is safe to fly. But forecasters say there is an 80 percent chance that thunderstorms will keep Discovery on the pad. Liftoff is scheduled for 3:29 p.m. Managers will reconvene before daybreak to assess the weather situation, before loading the shuttle's fuel tank. Discovery's flight to the International Space Station was stalled last week by gas leaks. Then a problem cropped up Tuesday with a computerized controller for one of the main engines. At this point, the mission is running three days late. □

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## Legalize-marijuana measure loses in California

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President Barack Obama gestures during a news conference in the East Room of the White House in Washington, Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2010.

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## Huge volcanic blast spurs more Indonesians to flee



An Indonesian soldier watches volcanic materials released by Mount Merapi as it erupts in Sidorejo, Central Java, Indonesia, Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2010. Indonesia's deadly volcano erupted Wednesday with its biggest blast yet, shooting searing ash miles into the sky and forcing the hasty evacuations of panicked villagers and emergency shelters near the base.

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MOUNT MERAPI, Indonesia (AP) — Searing gas and molten lava poured from Indonesia's deadly volcano in an explosion three times as powerful as last week's devastating blast, chasing people from villages and emergency shelters along its slopes.

After more than a week of continual eruptions, and warnings that pressure inside Mount Merapi may still be building, the province warned Wednesday it was running out of money to help more than 70,000 people forced from their homes.

Soldiers loaded women and crying children into trucks while rocks and debris rained from the sky. Several abandoned homes were set ablaze and the carcasses of incinerated cattle littered the mountain's scorched slopes.

No new casualties were reported after Wednesday's fiery explosion — which followed just before dawn Thursday by another booming tremor and ash cloud.

"This is an extraordinary eruption," said Surono, a state volcanologist who had earlier said energy building up behind a magma dome in the crater appeared to be easing.

He said the blast, which dusted cars, trees and roads in towns up to 80 miles away in gray ash, had triple the force of the first eruption on Oct. 26. "We have no idea what's happening," he said, as he watched the bobbing needle of a seismograph machine. "It looks like we may be entering an even worse stage now." Mount Merapi, which means "Fire Mountain," has erupted many times in the last century, often with deadly results. Thirty-eight people have died since it burst back to life just over a week ago. In 1994, 60 people were killed, while in 1930, more than a dozen villages were torched, leaving up to 1,300 dead. Still, as with other volcanoes in this seismically charged country, tens of thousands call its fertile slopes home.

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# Legalize-marijuana measure loses in California

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SAN FRANCISCO — Californians heeded warnings of legal chaos and other dangers and rejected a ballot measure Tuesday that would have made their state the first to legalize marijuana for recreational use.

The spirited campaign over Proposition 19 pitted the state's political and law enforcement establishment against determined activists seeking to end the prohibition of pot.

It was by far the highest-profile of the 160 ballot measures being decided in 37 states. Other topics included abortion, tax cuts and health care reform.

On a night of conservative advances in much of the country, Massachusetts voters spurned a chance to cut their taxes — rejecting a proposal to lower the state sales tax from 6.25 percent to 3 percent. Critics said the cut would have forced the state to slash \$2.5 billion in services, including

local aid to cities and towns. In Colorado, voters decisively defeated an anti-abortion “personhood” amendment — similar to one rejected in 2008 — that would have given unborn fetuses human rights in the state constitution.

California's marijuana proposal would have allowed adults 21 and over to possess up to an ounce of pot, consume it in nonpublic places as long as no children were present, and grow it in small private plots. It would have authorized local governments to permit commercial pot cultivation, as well as the sale and use of marijuana at licensed establishments.

Proponents pitched it as a sensible, though unprecedented, experiment that would provide much-needed revenue for the cash-strapped state, dent the drug-related violence in Mexico by causing pot prices to plummet, and reduce marijuana arrests that they say disproportionately target minority youth.

However, every major

newspaper, both political parties, the two candidates for governor and all but a handful of leading politicians came out against it.

“Today, Californians recognized that legalizing marijuana will not make our citizens healthier, solve California's budget crisis, or reduce drug-related violence in Mexico,” said the White House drug czar, Gil Kerlikowske.

Instead, he said, legalization would lead to more addiction, driving accidents and emergency room admissions. Federal officials also said they would have continued enforcing laws against marijuana possession and sales had the measure passed. Prop 19 supporters blamed the outcome on the older, more conservative leanings of voters who participate in midterm elections and pledged to try again in two years.

“It's still a historic moment in this very long struggle to end decades of failed marijuana prohibition,” said Stephen Gutwillig, California director



**Daniel Costa, a volunteer with the campaign to legalize marijuana, rallies last minute voters to support Proposition 19 shortly before polls closed on Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2010, in Oakland, Calif. If passed, the California proposal would let adults possess up to an ounce of pot, consume it in private places as long as no children were present and grow it in small private plots.**

(AP Photo/Noah Berger)

for the Drug Policy Project. “Unquestionably, because of Proposition 19, marijuana legalization initiatives will be on the ballot in a number of states in 2012, and California is in the mix.”

Tim Rosales, who managed the No on 19 campaign, scoffed at that attitude from the losing side.

“If they think they are going to be back in two years, they must be smoking something,” he said. “This is a state that just bucked the national trend and went pretty hard on the Democratic side, but yet in the

same vote opposed Prop 19. I think that says volumes as far as where California voters are on this issue.”

In South Dakota, voters rejected a measure to legalize medical marijuana — a step already taken by California and 13 other states. A medical marijuana measure also was on Arizona's ballot, and Oregon voters were deciding whether to expand the state's current medical marijuana law by authorizing state-licensed dispensaries.

Among other notable ballot issues on Tuesday: □

## Plotters didn't know where mail bombs would go off



A cargo plane parks at the UPS distribution center at the International Cargo Airport in Cologne, western Germany, Monday Nov. 1, 2010. After intercepting two mail bombs addressed to Chicago-area synagogues, investigators found out that packages that terrorists in Yemen attempted to smuggle onto an aircraft in a brazen al-Qaida terror plot, were moved through Cologne.

(AP Photo/Martin Meissner)

By MATT APUZZO  
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WASHINGTON — The plotters behind last week's unsuccessful mail bombings could not have known exactly

where their Chicago-bound packages were when they were set to explode, even after a suspected test run, U.S. officials say.

The communication cards had been removed from the cell

phones attached to the bombs, meaning the phones could not receive calls, officials said, making it likely the terrorists intended the alarm or timer functions to detonate the bombs.

“The cell phone probably would have been triggered by the alarm functions and it would have exploded midair,” said a U.S. official briefed on the investigation of the bombs taken off cargo planes Friday in England and the United Arab Emirates.

This person, like other officials in this story, spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the case.

The official also said Tuesday that each bomb was attached to a syringe containing lead azide, a chemical initiator that would have detonated PETN explosives packed into each computer printer toner cartridge. Both PETN and a syringe were used in the failed

Christmas Day bombing of a Detroit-bound airliner linked to an al-Qaida branch in Yemen.

The Obama administration, which has been monitoring intelligence on possible mail plots since at least early September, was preparing new security rules for international cargo in response to the attempted attack.

Security officials are considering requiring that companies provide information about incoming cargo before planes take off, one U.S. official said. Currently, the U.S. doesn't get that information until four hours before a plane lands.

A second official said the U.S. will also expand its definition of high-risk cargo, meaning more cargo will be screened from countries known as hotbeds of terrorism.

President Barack Obama stressed the need for stronger

security for air cargo in a telephone conversation Tuesday with Ali Abdullah Saleh, Yemen's president, the White House said.

Investigators believe al-Qaida mailed three innocent-looking packages from Yemen to Chicago in mid-September to watch the route they took.

One of those packages contained a copy of British author George Eliot's 1860 novel “The Mill on the Floss.” Authorities were investigating whether it was a subtle calling card from Anwar al-Awlaki, the U.S.-born Yemeni cleric who has inspired a string of attempted attacks against the West.

The militant cleric is now a fugitive, targeted by a U.S. kill or capture list. Yemeni authorities put him on trial in absentia Tuesday, charging him as a new defendant in the October killing of a French security guard.



# Lawyers cite mitigating factors in Conn. deaths

By JOHN CHRISTOFFERSEN,  
Associated Press

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — A Connecticut man convicted of a deadly home invasion should be spared the death penalty because he was in a “state of intense rage, despair and confusion” during the crimes and is deeply remorseful for what he did, his attorneys said Wednesday.

Steven Hayes was convicted last month of murdering Jennifer Hawke-Petit and her two daughters in a horrific home invasion in Cheshire in 2007.

His attorneys filed a list of mitigating factors in New Haven Superior Court on Wednesday. The same jury that convicted Hayes must now weigh those factors against aggravating factors cited by prosecutors, including the heinous and cruel nature of the deaths, in deciding whether to sentence Hayes to death or life in prison.

The defense said Hayes fears life more than death and cited his abusive childhood and history of drug addiction. Deliberations are tentatively expected to begin Friday

following closing arguments on Thursday.

Defense lawyers have depicted Hayes as a follower, while asserting that his co-defendant, Joshua Komisarjevsky, was the mastermind who escalated the violence.

“Steven Hayes has responded subsequent to the crime with shame, humiliation, depression, suicidality and empathy for the victims. His response is sharp in contrast to the co-defendant’s, who has glorified in writing the exercise of violent criminal power and sexual abuse over the Petit family,” defense attorney Tom Ullmann wrote in the court documents filed Wednesday. Prosecutors say both men are equally responsible. Komisarjevsky will be tried next year.

The defense also noted that Hayes accepted responsibility for his crimes early on and offered to plead guilty before the trial in exchange for a life sentence. “Steven Hayes has a conscience and is remorseful,” Ullmann wrote. Hayes’ attorneys also say his prison conditions in which he is kept isolated 24 hours per day and his guilty

feelings “make his life nearly unbearable and worse than any fear or dread of death.” Prosecutors called a prison official who testified Tuesday that Hayes indicated he would be fine with a life sentence and that he told her before the trial he planned to use his apparent suicidal behavior in prison to try to show he was remorseful and influence his sentence.

Authorities said Hayes and Komisarjevsky broke into the Petit house, beat Hawke-Petit’s husband, William, with a baseball bat and forced her to withdraw money from a bank before Hayes strangled and sexually assaulted her. Their daughters, Michaela and Hayley, died of smoke inhalation after they were tied to their beds with pillowcases over their heads and doused with gasoline before the house was set ablaze, according to testimony.

Superior Court Judge Jon Blue on Wednesday rejected defense attorneys’ objection to using an alternate juror to help decide punishment. Last week, Blue dismissed one juror who was overheard making a derogatory comment about the defense

and replaced that juror with an alternate.

Ullmann said the law calls for the jury that determined Hayes’ guilt to decide his sentence. He says the alternate was not a member of the group that determined Hayes’ guilt.

The judge acknowledged Wednesday that the issue is “very tricky” and that the law is not clear, and said lawyers could renew their request after the verdict. He also noted it was the defense who wanted the regular juror dismissed and said the case could proceed without the alternate and only 11 jurors if both sides agreed.

Ullmann also objected to Blue’s plan to have the jury deliberate into Friday evening and the weekend if necessary.

“I think it’s a mistake to kind of imply to the jury that it’s under pressure to make a decision,” Ullmann said. “It starts to suggest to them we need to get this verdict in as quick as possible.”

Blue said it’s his practice in all such cases and that he wants to avoid jury contamination. He said jurors are more likely to face pressure outside of court and



**FILE** - This undated inmate file photo released in February 2010 by the Connecticut Department of Correction shows Steven Hayes, accused of severely beating Dr. William Petit, Jr., and killing his wife and two daughters during a home invasion in Cheshire, Conn., July 23, 2007. Hayes’ attorneys are challenging a judge’s decision to replace a regular juror with an alternate to determine his sentence. A hearing was held Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2010, in New Haven, Conn., on the motion. The jury is expected to begin deliberations Friday on whether Hayes should get the death sentence or life in prison.

(AP Photo/Connecticut Department of Correction, File)

he said the schedule does not pressure the jury on which way they should rule.

There is only one alternate juror left. □

## 3 charged in US with aiding Somali terror group

By JIM SUHR  
Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — A federal grand jury has charged three men, including one from St. Louis and one from Minneapolis, with conspiring to funnel money to a terrorist group in Somalia that the U.S. says has ties to al-Qaida.

In an indictment returned Oct. 21 and unsealed Wednesday in U.S. District Court in St. Louis, prosecutors charged St. Louis taxi driver Mohamud Abdi Yusuf, a Somali national who immigrated to the U.S. as a refugee, with one count of conspiracy to provide material support to a foreign terrorist organization and three counts of providing material support to a foreign terrorist organization — the radical Islamist group al-Shabab.

The government contends that Yusuf and Abdi Mahdi Hussein sent money through a Minneapolis wire-transfer business where Hussein worked to al-Shabab supporters in Somalia between 2008 and at least July 2009. Hussein, who is also of Somali descent, is charged with one count of conspiracy to structure monetary transactions. Yusuf also faces that count.

Duane Mohamed Diriye, who prosecutors contend was on the receiving end of some transactions, is charged with conspiracy and terrorist-funding counts and is believed to be in Somalia or Kenya.

The government says that Yusuf used aliases to wire the funds to al-Shabab supporters in Somalia through Qaran Financial Express, where authorities say Hussein worked. It was one of three Minneapolis money transfer businesses searched by FBI agents in April 2009.

Kulane Darman, president of Qaran Financial Express, told The Associated Press he doesn’t know Hussein and the information from the government is incorrect. “I don’t know this person. This person never worked for me,” Darman said.

According to the indictment, Yusuf, Hussein and other unspecified alleged schemers tried to mask thousands of dollars worth of wire transfers by breaking them up into small, independent transactions. They spoke in code and used bogus names, all to skirt laws governing wire transactions and to avoid detection, authorities said.

Federal agents arrested Yusuf on Monday in St. Louis and arrested Hussein on Tuesday in Minneapolis.

Both men made court appearances Tuesday. Yusuf’s federal defender declined to comment Wednesday. A message left with Hussein’s federal defender was not immediately returned, but authorities say he was released on bond. A phone listing for him was not available.

On Tuesday, a similar indictment was unsealed in California alleging that three San Diego residents coordinated fundraising and money transfers to al-Shabab in 2007 and 2008. Two of the San Diego men pleaded not guilty Wednesday. The third, who is accused of providing a Somali house for al-Shabab fighters, had a hearing scheduled for Friday. The U.S. government’s push to dry up funding sources of potential terrorist outfits has been an increasingly common tactic, complementing traditional military efforts, said Jeffrey Addicott, the director of the Center for Terrorism Law at St. Mary’s University in San Antonio.

“The war on terror is not just about putting steel on targets,” Addicott said. He added that going after funding can reduce logistical support of terror groups.

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# Professional World Champion Surfer might have died of Dengue Fever



## *Foul play ruled out in surfer Andy Iron's death*

DALLAS – A Texas county medical examiner has ruled out trauma and foul play in the death of surfing champion Andy Irons.

Irons was found dead Tuesday in his hotel bed at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport during a layover en route to his home on the Hawaiian island of Kauai. He was returning from Puerto Rico, where he was to compete in the 2010 Rip Curl Pro Search. He withdrew citing an illness he contracted in Portugal.

A police report released Wednesday said the prescription drugs Xanax, an anti-anxiety medication, and the sleeping aid Ambien were found in the room.

The Tarrant County Medical Examiner said the cause of death is pending due to completion of lab tests, which could take several weeks.

The 32-year-old surfer claimed three world championships. □

# FDA tests confirm listeria at Texas food plant

By BETSY BLANEY  
Associated Press

Federal health officials found the listeria bacteria at a San Antonio food processing plant that Texas authorities have linked to four deaths from contaminated celery, the Food and Drug Administration said Wednesday. The federal agency said it found the pathogen in multiple locations in the SanGar Produce & Processing Co. plant, confirming the testing announced last month by the

Texas Department of State Health Services.

The Texas health authority shut the plant down Oct. 20 and ordered a recall of all produce shipped from there since January. A hearing on the case is set for Nov. 17 in Austin.

"It comes as no surprise to us," Texas health department spokeswoman Carrie Williams said Wednesday of the FDA's findings. "If there was any doubt out there, this erases it. It's another layer of confirmation that this plant

had serious issues."

FDA spokeswoman Patricia El-Hinnawy said in an e-mail the agency would not comment on the results.

Jason Galvan, an attorney for SanGar, said he couldn't immediately comment on the FDA report.

"The FDA and the state have not turned over to us the documentation supporting their findings. We cannot comment on these most recent findings until the documentation is provided for independent evaluation by our experts," Galvan said.

After the closure of the plant, which also produced lettuce, pineapple and honeydew, the company alleged the state health inspector who took samples from the plant Oct. 11 could have contaminated them by being dressed improperly and touching surfaces — an assertion the state department denied.

SanGar has said its own tests would disprove the health department's findings. Galvan said Wednesday that analysis done Oct. 26 by a Texas laboratory hired by SanGar returned negative results for listeria.

The state health department initially traced six of 10




known cases of listeriosis during an eight-month period to celery processed at the SanGar plant, including four deaths. The department last week linked a seventh case to SanGar, Williams said. The agency is investigating the origins of the other three cases.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, about 500 people die of listeriosis each year in the U.S., and about 2,500 people become seriously ill. Those with weaker immune systems — including pregnant women, young children, the elderly and

those battling serious illness — are most at risk of becoming seriously ill or dying because of listeriosis, the CDC says. Healthy adults and children occasionally are infected with the disease but rarely become seriously ill.


The health department has prohibited SanGar from reopening the plant without agency approval.

"We're working with them to clean up their business so that they may be able to reopen in the future," Williams said. "The bottom line is we need to be sure the company can produce safe food before it reopens." □



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# Dentists offer Halloween candy buyback program

By Jon Hurdle

PHILADELPHIA — Just a day after Halloween two Pennsylvania dentists are offering a candy buyback program to save the teeth of young trick-or-treaters and boost the morale of U.S. troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. Dentists Nalin and Arpan Patel, of Fairless Hills near Philadelphia, say they will pay \$1 a pound (0.45 kg) to parents and children who turn in excess candy collected on Halloween. The proceeds will be sent to U.S. troops serving in the Afghanistan and Iraq wars.

“Not only will it save your teeth, our troops that are serving our country overseas will be able to enjoy a Halloween away from home,” the dentists said in a statement. Americans consume about 24 pounds (10.9 kg) of candy a year and most of that is believed to be at Halloween, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

The American Dental Association urged parents to be aware of the damage too much candy can do to young teeth.

“This Halloween and

throughout the year, the American Dental Association advises not to play decay-causing tricks on your teeth,” it said in a statement.

Children seeking sweet treats from their neighbors on Halloween commonly come home with pounds of candy scooped up from baskets held out by home-owners or left on front porches where the roving groups can help themselves.

Children often eat too many of the free sweets on Halloween night and for days or weeks afterwards, boosting consumption well above normal levels.

But so much free candy can overwhelm even the sweetest tooth, and may encourage its recipients to give up their proceeds to the buyback program.

The dentists are accepting candy from November 1-5, and hope what is collected will cheer U.S. troops overseas.

“Now during these hard times, the spirit of giving and helping is needed more than ever,” they said. □



### SOMALI TERROR

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In August, authorities announced that 14 people in Minnesota, California and Alabama had been indicted for supporting what the U.S. government called a “deadly pipeline” routing money and fighters to al-Shabab. Seven of those people had been charged previously in Minnesota. And last month, a Virginia man pleaded guilty to supporting al-Shabab and posting online threats to the creators of “South Park” for what he perceived as insults to the prophet Muhammad. Somalia has not had an effective government since warlords overthrew a socialist dictator in 1991 and then turned on each other, causing anarchy in the nation of 7 million people. Al-Shabab fighters, who embrace a radical form of Islam, have been battling Somalia’s weakened government and have been branded a terrorist group with ties to al-Qaida. Authorities in the United States have been investigating al-Shabab for the last few years — with the center of the investigation in Minneapolis. Since late 2007, roughly 20 young men — all but one of Somali descent — have left Minneapolis in waves to fight with al-Shabab.

In October 2008, a Minneapolis man carried out a suicide bombing in Somalia, becoming the first known U.S. citizen to become a suicide bomber. At the time, the FBI said he possibly had been “radicalized” in Minneapolis.

The investigation in Minneapolis is ongoing. A total of 19 people have been charged in the Minnesota case, facing a variety of counts ranging from providing material support to terrorists to perjury. According to 2009 figures, Minnesota is home to 32,300 Somalis, the largest population of Somali immigrants in the U.S. Local Somalis say the actual population is much higher. □

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## Analysis: Voters to President Obama: 'Slow down'



President Barack Obama waves as he turns to leave after a news conference in the East Room of the White House in Washington, Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2010.

By LIZ SIDOTI,

AP National Political Writer

WASHINGTON — America spoke. So what exactly did the country say it wanted beyond an end to one-party rule?

Smaller government. Less spending. More jobs.

“Slow down” was the overriding message to Barack Obama, a first-term president with big ambitions who used his big Democratic majorities in Congress to try to transform the nation. He attempted that feat while simultaneously trying to thwart economic catastrophe with government bailouts that he inherited or initiated of failing banks and teetering automakers.

But it turns out that his type of change was too much, too soon. And voters told him as much Tuesday.

A day later, Obama said he heard them loud and clear.

“I think people started looking at all this, and it felt as if government was getting much more intrusive into

(AP Photo/Charles Dharapak)

people’s lives than they were accustomed to,” the diminished president conceded. He took responsibility for not doing enough to alter the ways of the capital, from hyper-partisanship to back-room dealing. “We were in such a hurry to get things done that we didn’t change how things were done.”

This blunt acknowledgment came from a president who has faced criticism from Republicans and Democrats alike that he’s out of touch with voters’ economic anxiety and has ignored the people’s will. He accepted responsibility in the aftermath of an election that saw Republicans rise to power in the House, bolster their ranks in the Senate, and make sweeping gains in statehouses across the country. “A shellacking” Obama called it.

And it was.

The GOP — the only alternative in a two-party system — was the beneficiary

of a disappointed public looking to curtail Obama and his Democrats. But a call for a wholesale return to Republican policies? Not this election.

John Boehner, ready to become House speaker, signaled that he knew as much.

“Our job is to listen to the American people and follow the will of the American people,” Boehner, R-Ohio, said, casting the elections as a rejection of Obama’s agenda. “It’s a mandate for Washington to reduce the size of government and continue our fight for a smaller, less costly and more accountable government.”

Creating jobs is an overriding priority, too, he said.

Still, although they put those issues at the forefront, Republicans made clear that they also were eying other priorities, including Obama’s health care law, which Boehner called a “monstrosity” that needed to be repealed.

To the extent that the GOP does have a mandate, an Associated Press analysis of exit poll data shows that it would be to limit the government’s reach and scale back spending.

Republicans won because most voters — and particularly swing-voting independents who decide elections, thought that:

— Government is intruding too much into decisions that should be left to people and businesses.

— Washington isn’t working.

— Reducing the deficit should be a main focus of the next Congress.

— Obama wasn’t doing a good job, and his policies were harming the country.

The president who won by challenging George Bush’s economy two years ago saw his Democrats face a segment of the electorate that was more despairing now. Four in 10 said their own financial situation got worse during his tenure.

“We’ve made progress. But clearly too many Americans haven’t felt that progress yet,” Obama said. “I take responsibility for that.”

In an increasingly polarized society, people also had contradictory positions, underscoring the gulf the two sides must bridge if they have any hope of getting things done.

Voters are:

— Divided over what to do with Obama’s health care law.

— Split on whether to renew soon-to-expire tax cuts for everyone including those earning at least \$250,000 a year.

— Fractured over whether the new Congress’ top priority should be deficit reduction, creating jobs by spending money, or cutting taxes.

It all gives fodder to Republicans and Democrats alike who are intent on pushing their ideologically different solutions for the nation’s woes.

“Neither side is going to get everything that they want,” said retiring Democratic Sen. Evan Bayh of Indiana. “The difficulty will be the most fervent parts of each party are going to resist that kind of compromise.”

All the evidence of a country in conflict makes clear that voters weren’t so much embracing the GOP as they were rebuking Obama

and Democrats. Said Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Wis.: “This is not necessarily ‘we love Republicans.’ This is ‘change course, the country’s on the wrong track.’”

To that end, ascendent Republicans are mindful that their party’s image — in tatters following the aftermath of Bush’s administration — still is in need of repair.

“We’ve been given a second chance and a golden opportunity,” said Rep. Eric Cantor of Virginia, No. 2 Republican in the House, cautioning fellow Republicans they must to work to win public confidence.

In some ways, the election was a rejection of both parties and of politics as usual.

Most voters detest Congress. And both political parties, too. Most also don’t like the way Obama has handled his job.

The good news for Obama — if there is any — is that the electorate that voted Tuesday was much more right-of-center than the one that elected him in 2008. With tea party-fueled energy on the GOP’s side, conservatives outnumbered liberals.

But the electorate will all but certainly shift to the left as 2012 approaches and Democrats rally behind the incumbent president. That’s what happened between 1994, when Republicans won control of Congress, and 1996 when President Bill Clinton handily won re-election.

So Obama still has time to change voter attitudes and may have started doing just that on Wednesday with his conciliatory, I-get-it tone.

Left to be answered is whether Republicans get it, too. □



# Iowa voters oust judges who legalized same-sex marriage

CHICAGO — Three state supreme court justices whose 2009 judgment legalized same-sex marriage have been ousted by Iowa voters in a move that could send chills through courthouses across the United States.

Tuesday's vote came after a bitter campaign against "activist" judges and was the first time that the state's top judges failed to get the 50 percent 'yes' vote needed to keep their jobs since a merit selection system was adopted in 1962, the Des Moines Register reported.

The three justices defended their record Wednesday and warned against the politicization of the judiciary

following an "unprecedented attack funded by out-of-state special interest groups."

"Throughout our judicial service, we have endeavored to fulfill our duty to Iowans by always adhering to the rule of law, making decisions fairly and impartially according to law, and faithfully upholding the constitution," Justice David Baker, Justice Michael Streit and Chief Justice Marsha Ternus said in a statement.

"Ultimately, however, the preservation of our fair and impartial courts will require more than the integrity and fortitude of individual judges; it will require the fervent and steadfast support of the people."

Iowa businessman Bob Vander Plaats, who led the campaign against the justices after failing to gain the Republican party's nomination for governor, insisted that it was the judges who inserted politics into the process. "If the Supreme Court would have stayed in their constitutional boundaries, this night did not have to happen," Plaats told supporters Tuesday. "When they went outside of their constitutional boundaries and they made law from the bench and they executed from the bench and they amended the constitution from the bench, every one of our freedoms went up for grabs -- not just the institution of marriage." □



Robin Lambrecht (R) and her partner Sharon Wietzel (3rd R) wait in line with other gay couples to request a marriage license in Des Moines, Iowa. Three state supreme court justices whose 2009 judgment legalized same-sex marriage have been ousted by Iowa voters in a move that could send chills through courthouses across the United States.

# Paul hopes race sets standards on religion attacks



Sen.-elect Rand Paul, R-Ky. awaits an interview in Bowling Green, Ky., Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2010.

(AP Photo/Ed Reinke)

By ROGER ALFORD,  
Associated Press

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — A day after a winning a hard-fought U.S. Senate race, Republican Rand Paul said he was hopeful a religious attack that backfired on his opponent will head off similar strategies in future political races.

Nearly four out of five Kentuckians who voted in Tuesday's election said they felt Democrat Jack Conway unfairly attacked Paul by running a TV ad that asked why Paul was a member in college of a secret campus society that mocked Christians and claimed his god was

"Aqua Buddha," according to exit polling conducted for The Associated Press.

Paul denounced the ad as false and chastised Conway for running it. The spot triggered a public outcry across the state and nation.

The Paul campaign aired an ad in response in which he said he keeps Christ in his heart. And former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, a past Republican presidential candidate and a Baptist minister, went on Christian radio calling for Conway to repent.

"I think that you shouldn't attack a person's faith, and I think it did backfire on

them," Paul told the AP on Wednesday. "My hope is that when someone loses and that issue appears to have had an influence that maybe it discourages people from those attacks."

Paul, bolstered by tea party supporters angry with the Washington establishment, rose from relative obscurity as a small town eye doctor in Bowling Green to be elected to the Senate to replace the retiring Jim Bunning, a 79-year-old former major league baseball pitcher who opted not to seek a third term. "The big mistake that turned what was going to

be a comfortable win into a landslide win was the decision of Conway to try to inject religion into the campaign," said Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell. "That was the mistake that broke it open. Rand Paul would have won anyway, but that had an impact on the margin."

Appearing relaxed and speaking more candidly than he had since his primary campaign, Paul spent Wednesday morning doing media interviews while his wife, Kelley, prepared to leave on vacation to an undisclosed location.

When asked about the role that he felt God had in his victory, Paul was reserved.

"I do see God in everyday life and everything that happens," Paul said. "I try not to claim that he's responsible for a victory or things like that. I never have been a big fan of people who pray for victory in a football game or a political contest. I think God's involvement in our life is maybe a little more subtle than promoting someone's victory."

The relevance of religion in the race was not surprising for many. Don Swarthout, president of the Kentucky nonprofit group Christians Reviving America's Values, said before Election Day he was surprised religion wasn't a bigger issue in the race.

"Most of the people in this country are religious and have Christian leanings," said Pentecostal preacher and Christian broadcaster Gene Huff, one of about 60 people who crowded into Laurel County Republican Headquarters on Saturday for a Paul political rally. "They tend to vote for people who share their values."

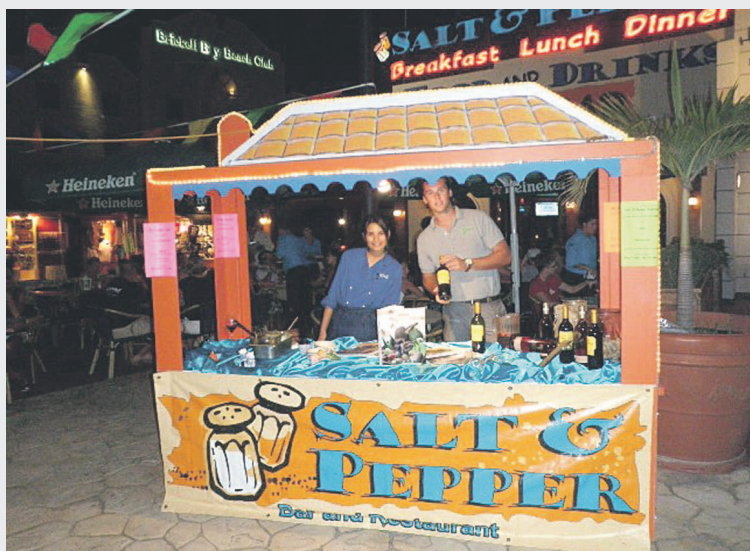
A confident Paul avoided any mention of religion in a brief speech to supporters on Saturday, instead appealing for them to get their friends and neighbors to the polls on Tuesday. "It's not over till it's over," he said.

Paul, a Presbyterian, has harped primarily on fiscal issues, raging about the national debt, burdensome taxes and government overspending. Conway, a Catholic, made job creation and workplace safety top issues in the race.

Immediately after his primary win, Paul suffered through a series of gaffes when he expressed misgivings about how the Civil Rights Act bans racial discrimination by private businesses. He later said he abhors discrimination and would have voted for the 1964 law.

He also drew criticism for decrying Obama's harsh rhetoric against BP over the Gulf oil spill as "really un-American." □





*At Arawak Garden*

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## Aruba Marriott Names New Director of Revenue Management



Dir. Revenue Management Carlos Olguin is pictured together with Marriott Hotel Manager Louella Brezovar.

PALM BEACH – Carlos Olguin has been named Director of Revenue Management of the Aruba Marriott Resort and Stellaris Casino. Recently joining the Aruba Marriott team in 2010, Olguin brings finance and revenue experience, deep familiarization with the hospitality industry and great enthusiasm to his new position. As Director of Revenue Management of the Aruba Marriott, Olguin will oversee and manage pricing strategies and revenue maximization. Olguin is dedicated to maintaining the resort's reputation for high service standards.

“My experience with the Marriott brand, coupled with my background in revenue strategy within the hospitality industry, have prepared me for my new role at the Aruba Marriott,” said Olguin. “Aruba Marriott is a highly respected and outstanding Caribbean resort. I’m honored to fill this position and dedicated to helping deliver the best vacation experiences possible for our guests.” Olguin was most recently Area Director of Revenue Strategy for the Marriott International, Caribbean & Latin American Regional office.

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Prior to that, Olguin held various positions in the Marriott organization including Director of Revenue Strategy for The San Juan Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino, Director of Revenue Strategy for the Costa Rica Marriott Cluster and Reservation Center Director for the Marriott Mexico Area Reservations Sales office. Olguin began his career in the hospitality industry as the Night Auditor for the J.W. Marriott Hotel in Mexico City, MX.

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# Bill & Debbie honored at the Marriott Ocean Club Resort



PALM BEACH - Recently at the Marriott Ocean Club Resort vacationers were presented with honorary titles created by the Ministry of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guest visiting Aruba for ten and 20 consecutive years. Special friends of Aruba, enjoying ten or more annual vacations here, are given the Distinguished Guest certificate and those with twenty consecutive years are awarded the Ambassador of Goodwill title. The recent honoring was effected by the Aruba Tourism Authority associate Ricardo Croes at the Marriott Ocean Club Resort, where they call their home away from home. Bill Laitenberger & Debbi Segall from Cornville A.Z. were honored as Distinguished Visitor after coming to Aruba for 15 years. Pictured ATA Rep. Ricardo Croes together with honorees and also Mariana from the Marriott Ocean Club Resort. □



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# Shelia celebrates birthday at Zissles



PALM BEACH - Last week on Aruba, many people enjoyed their birthday celebrations at Zissles, the newest and finest house of live entertainment on the island. The photos attached are from last Wednesday, when Ms. Shelia Richwater of Aruba celebrated her birthday together with Zissles owner Ingrid Riko. The cast from the dinnershow D'Licious interrupt their performance to sing a special birthday presentation for guests, and naturally, an extra special presentation was made for Ingrid. □



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# The world is your oyster at Arawak Food & Wine Festival



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But you have not seen it all: the Flight to New Zealand entails a special adventure at Fishes & More.

This popular restaurant at Arawak Garden offers a three-course menu for just \$ 21.75 per person. Burger King splurges with a free Sunday and a Twilight Eclipse poster with every King-size Value Meal and topping it all off with a Flight to France is Casa Tua, where a Pizza Orientale goes for US 15.—.

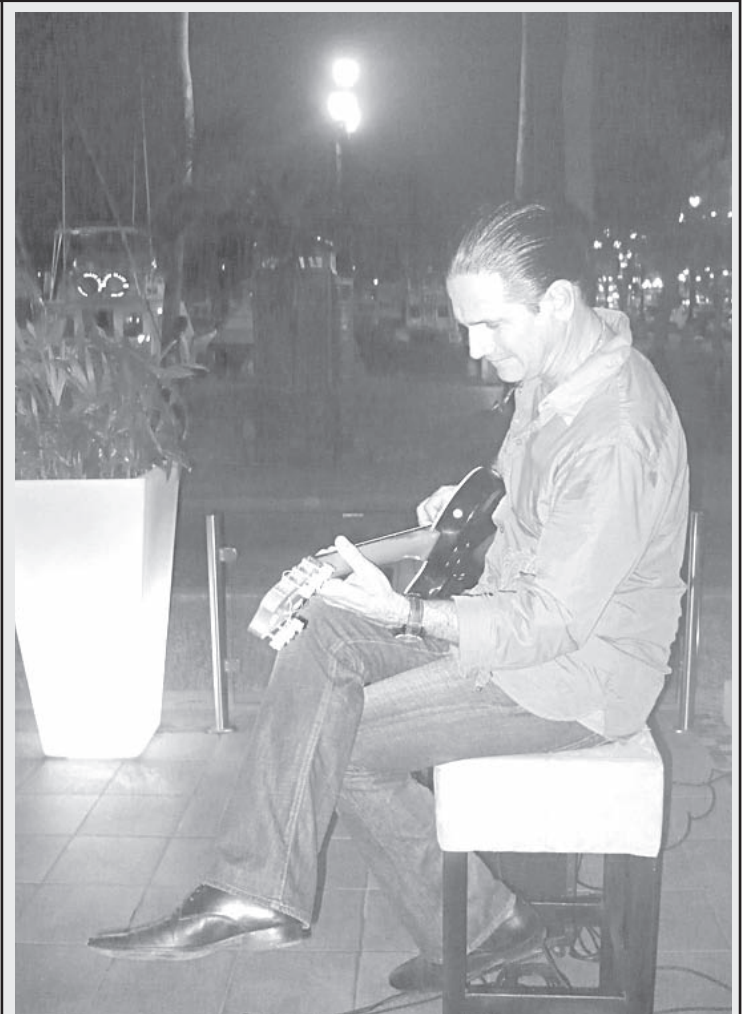
At all locations dessert is on the house. Next door Sopranos Piano Bar is surfing along: it offers special wines and a live cigar roller.

The Food & Wine Festival at Arawak Garden starts at 7 pm; entrance is free.

The event is sponsored by Burger King, Romar Trading,

Compra, Pepia Est and Aruba Wine And Dine.

Arawak Garden is located in the high rise area across from the Occidental Resort. □



*Donderdag Ernesto Ferro*

## Sultry Thursdays with Ernesto herald the upcoming weekend

ORANJESTAD - On Thursday evenings the stage of CILO, the fantastic marina-view city lounge, is for handsome Ernesto Ferro, who performs his rousing, Mediterranean guitar music with energetic style. Spanish mballads, flamenco music and fado are in his repertoire.

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# AHATA's Beach and Coastal Cleanup on 13 November



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This will be the 9th year that

it is organized by the Ahata environmental committee. Anyone that wants to help keep Aruba clean is welcome to participate. Also, Ahata is looking for volunteers with pickups and trailers in order to transport the waste. How to inscribe? E-mail: [vanessa@ahata.co](mailto:vanessa@ahata.co), Telephone: 582-2607 – Vanessa Rasmussen



at Ahata. Also, there's inscription forms available at Balashi Brewery and the Carry-out

Oranjestad (LG Smith Blvd) and at Ahata's offices. With the help of Tropical Bottling Co and Balashi National Brewery, the official sponsors of the event, Ahata wants to get more volunteers this year. The last day to inscribe is Monday 25 October. If you want to form a group with your colleagues, friends, family, that is also possible and Ahata will do its best to assign your group at one specific beach or coastal area. The coast/



cove we will be cleaning are Havana Beach through Wilhelmina Park, Parke Arikok, California Dunes, Wariruri, Baby Beach/Nanky Country Club, Bachelors Beach, Boca Grandi, Zeewijk Beach, Mangel Halto, Santo Largo, between Bushiri Beach and Tamarijn Beach, Arashi, Anaboei, Bird Sanctuary.

You will also receive latex gloves and AWA, Coca-Cola or Powerade but it's good to go prepared yourself as well. Keep reading your papers in the next couple of days in order to receive more information about the Coastal Cleanup. Become a volunteer for a morning and keep Aruba clean! ☐





# Former Russian PM Chernomyrdin dies at age 72

LYNN BERRY

Associated Press

MOSCOW (AP) — Viktor Chernomyrdin, who served as Russia's prime minister in the turbulent 1990s as the country was throwing off communism and developing as a market economy, died Wednesday. He was 72.

No cause of death has been released, but Chernomyrdin had grown thin in recent years and was reported to have been ill. His wife of nearly 50 years had died early this year.

In recognition of the weight Chernomyrdin has carried in Russia's post-Soviet history, President Dmitry Medvedev ordered his chief of staff to organize Friday's funeral and instructed the state television network to broadcast it live.

Prime Minister Vladimir Putin paid tribute to him at the start of a Cabinet meeting with a moving eulogy.

Chernomyrdin helped see Russia through some difficult times, including the economic devastation that followed the Soviet

collapse and the war in Chechnya, where he once played a critical if unlikely role as peace negotiator.

Over the years he grew on his countrymen, who came to appreciate his everyman's charms and sense of humor. He had a knack for bursting out with colorful, nongrammatical expressions, such as "we wanted the best but things turned out as always," a phrase that has become part of Russian culture.

Born in a Siberian village, he was a bear of a man who rose through the ranks of the Communist Party to head the Soviet oil and gas ministry from 1985 to 1989. Chernomyrdin then engineered the transformation of the ministry into a state gas company, Gazprom, which is now the bedrock of Russia's economy.

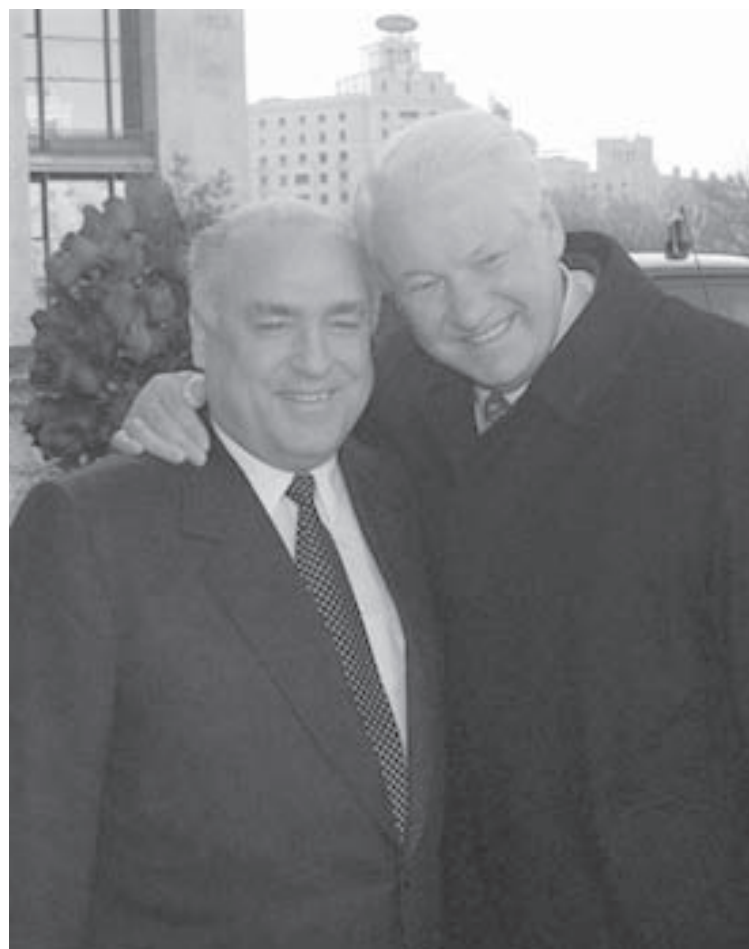
In late 1992, he was appointed prime minister by then President Boris Yeltsin and surprised the young economists leading Russia's transformation by pushing ahead with liberal

reforms.

In 1995, in the middle of the first Chechen war, he held televised negotiations with rebel leader Shamil Basayev, whose forces had taken more than 1,500 people hostage in a hospital in Budyonnovsk. The hostages were freed in exchange for Russia's promises to begin negotiating a peaceful settlement, but Chernomyrdin took heat for allowing the hostage-takers to escape.

His phrase "Shamil Basayev, we can't hear you, speak louder," a plea made during the negotiations, became a symbol of the war. For some it showed the government's helplessness against the rebels, but others saw in it a rare and admirable willingness to compromise for the sake of saving lives.

Chernomyrdin was fired in March 1998, but following the financial crash in August of that year, when Russia defaulted on its debts and devalued its currency, Yeltsin asked him



In this April 9, 1997 file photo Russian President Boris Yeltsin hugs Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin, left, outside Russian government building in Moscow, Russia.

Associated Press

to return as prime minister. Parliament, however, refused to confirm him.

In 2001, a year after Vladimir Putin had been elected president, he appointed Chernomyrdin as ambassador to Ukraine. Chernomyrdin had been elected to parliament and his diplomatic posting was seen as an effort to distance a political heavyweight from Moscow. Chernomyrdin remained ambassador until last year.

Putin praised him Wednesday as a "real patriot," noting his contributions to the development of Russia but most of all his character.

"Behind his seeming simplicity, his jokes, his playing on his own aphorisms, ... was in fact hidden a subtle, wise and decent man," Putin said at the televised Cabinet meeting. He concluded by asking the ministers to rise to pay their respects.

Chernomyrdin is to be buried beside his wife in Novodevichy Cemetery, the final resting place of Yeltsin, Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev and many of Russia's most notable cultural and military figures.

Chernomyrdin is survived by two sons and four grandchildren. □

## Suspicious package found at Glasgow Airport

SYLVIA HUI

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Part of Glasgow Airport in Scotland was evacuated after a suspicious package was found there, a spokesman said Wednesday.

The package was found in the security area where passengers are searched before they board a plane, said the spokesman, who spoke on anonymity in line with company policy.

He said the departures area was evacuated as a precaution and bomb disposal squads were called to the scene.

The airport remained open late Wednesday, but three domestic flights were delayed until the explosives experts could declare the departures area safe, Glasgow police said.

There were no reports of injuries and police declined to provide information on whether anyone was arrested.

Security staff at U.K. airports are on high alert for suspicious packages after two mail bombs bound for Chicago were found in England and Dubai last week.

Authorities said the bombs were designed by the top explosives expert working for al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula, the Yemen-based militant faction thought to be behind the plot.

Glasgow Airport was the target of a failed terror attack in June 2007, when two men attempted to crash a blazing Jeep loaded with explosives into a departure terminal. The car's path was blocked and the explosives failed to detonate. □





# 2 killed, 50 injured in earthquake in Serbia

JOVANA GEC  
Associated Press

KRALJEVO, Serbia (AP) — A state of emergency was declared Wednesday in central Serbia after an earthquake rattled the region, killing at least two people and injuring 50. The U.S. Geological Survey said the moderate quake with a 5.3 magnitude struck 75 miles south of the Serbian capital, Belgrade, at 01:56 a.m. Wednesday. The hardest hit area was around the town of Kraljevo where the temblor destroyed or damaged buildings and left parts of the city without electricity, running water or telephone lines. Interior Minister Ivica Dacic said a couple, both 68, died in a Kraljevo suburb when the roof and the first floor of their house collapsed. Fifty people were injured elsewhere in and around the town. The earthquake — the strongest in Serbia since 2000 — was also felt in a wider area of the Balkan

state, including Belgrade, where people were jolted from their beds, some fleeing their homes in panic. The quake also was felt in neighboring Romania, Croatia and Macedonia. The Croatian Seismological Institute reported a 3.2 magnitude temblor near Zagreb, the capital, on Wednesday afternoon. Earlier in the day, similar mild quakes were reported near Bosnian capital, Sarajevo, and the southern Bosnian city of Mostar. No damage was reported in those places. Serbian Prime Minister Mirko Cvetkovic toured the Kraljevo area, met the son and the daughter of the couple that died and promised financial help. “As far as I understand, many people in the region don’t have a place to sleep and they’ll have to be placed in collective centers,” Cvetkovic told The Associated Press. Several mostly older buildings in Kraljevo, the



A man checks out his damaged apartment building in Kraljevo, about 130 kilometers south of Belgrade, which was damaged in the earthquake early Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2010. The 5.3 magnitude earthquake hit central Serbia early Wednesday killing a few people and injuring dozens.

*Associated Press*

town of 70,000 people, were damaged, including a local hospital and the town hall. Several cars were destroyed by concrete that fell from buildings. “I had a house with a chimney which is now gone,” said Milos Vukomanovic, a resident of the Vitanovac

village near Kraljevo which was the epicenter of the quake, as he repaired the roof of the building with cracked walls and shattered windows. The residents of Kraljevo cleared the rubble and assessed the damage from the quake. “In shops, cafes and houses

everything was on the floor this morning,” said Marta Jakic, a shop owner. Numerous aftershocks were felt Wednesday. “The most important thing is that people calm down, that there is no panic and that the city authorities function,” Dacic said in Kraljevo. □



Villagers with their faces covered with volcanic ash, flee their homes on motorcycles following the eruption of Mount Merapi in Klaten, Central Java, Indonesia, Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2010. Indonesia’s deadly volcano erupted Wednesday with its biggest blast yet, shooting searing ash miles into the sky and forcing the hasty evacuations of panicked villagers and emergency shelters near the base.

*Associated Press*

## VOLCANIC BLASTS

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Most now are packed in crowded government camps well away from the base. Djarot Nugroho, the head of Central Java’s disaster management agency, said money to buy instant noodles,

clean water, medicine and other supplies would run out within five days unless the Indonesian government declares a national disaster, bringing in much-needed federal funds. There have been more than a dozen strong eruptions at

Merapi in the last week — including another one earlier Wednesday — and thousands of volcanic tremors and ash bursts. The danger zone was widened from six miles to nine miles from the peak because of the heightened threat. “I (didn’t) think of anything else except to save my wife and son. We left my house and everything,” said Tentrem Wahono, 50, who fled with his family on a motorbike from their village of Kaliurang, located about six miles from the crater. “We were racing with the explosive sounds as the searing ash chased us from behind,” he said. Soldiers and police blocked all roads leading up the 9,700-foot mountain, chasing away curious onlookers and television crews and reporters. Wednesday’s eruption, which occurred during a downpour, raised Merapi to “crisis”

status, said Andi Arief, a staffer in the presidential office dealing with the disaster. Indonesia, a vast archipelago of 235 million people, is prone to earthquakes and volcanos because it sits along the Pacific “Ring of Fire,” a horseshoe-shaped string of faults that lines the Pacific. As a reminder of that, a 6.0-magnitude quake hit waters off the eastern province of Papua on Wednesday evening, rattling several villages but causing no known damage or casualties. At the time, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton was wrapping up a visit to Papua New Guinea — on the same island as Papua province. She was in the capital, about 1,000 miles east of the epicenter, and no shaking was felt there. The volcano’s initial Oct. 26 blast occurred less than 24 hours after a towering tsunami slammed into remote

islands on the western end of the country, sweeping entire villages to sea and killing at least 428 people. There, too, thousands of people were displaced, many living in government camps. In both cases, relief operations are expected to take weeks, possibly months. Helicopters and boats were delivering aid to tsunami survivors in the most distant Mentawai islands, more than 800 miles west of Merapi. The islands, popular among surfers, lie almost directly over the fault that spawned the 2004 Indian Ocean monster quake and wave. There has been talk in recent days about relocating villagers away from vulnerable coastlines. “I’m all for it,” said Regen, who lives on Pagai Utara island and goes by one name. “We’re all terrified now, especially at night, and wouldn’t mind moving further inland.” □



# 19 bodies found in Mexico mass grave near Acapulco

SERGIO FLORES

Associated Press

ACAPULCO, Mexico (AP) — Police recovered 19 bodies Wednesday in a mass grave identified in a narco-video as the burial site for 20 men who were kidnapped a month ago in the Pacific coast city of Acapulco.

Police did not yet know if the bodies found in the grave in Tres Palos, a town just south of Acapulco, were those of the men abducted Sept. 30 while visiting the resort city from neighboring Michoacan state, said Fernando Monreal, investigative police chief for Guerrero state.

Police began digging at the site after a video appeared on Youtube in which two men — their hands apparently tied behind their backs and answering questions from an unseen interrogator — say they killed “the Michoacanos” and buried them in the area. Two bodies wearing the same clothes as the pair seen in the video were found on top of the grave, along with a sign reading: “The people they killed are buried here.”

Police had not confirmed the identities of the bodies dumped on top of the grave.

In the video, the two men say they killed the “Michoacanos” in an act of revenge against La Familia, a drug cartel based in Michoacan.

The families of the 20 missing men have publicly said they were mechanics in the state capital of Morelia who saved up money to take a vacation together.

Guerrero state investigators say they corroborated the men worked as mechanics and had no criminal records. Investigators also say they could find no evidence linking the men to any gang and have speculated the group may have been targeted by mistake.

The kidnapping was one of the biggest blows yet to Acapulco, which has seen an increase in drug-gang shootouts, beheadings and kidnappings. Even Acapulco Mayor Jose Luis Avila Sanchez recently urged residents to stay indoors after nightfall, an extraordinary pronouncement in a city that depends on nightclubs, bars and restaurants.

If the video’s claim is confirmed, it would be a chilling example of a growing trend that has added a new dimension of terror to Mexico’s bloody drug war:



**Mexican Navy soldiers guard the perimeter as civil protection and forensic workers search for bodies buried at a field in the town of Tuncingo, southern Mexico, Wednesday Nov. 3, 2010. Authorities recovered at least nine bodies digging into an area mentioned in a video posted in YouTube as the burial site of 20 people of Michoacan state who were kidnapped last Sept. 30.**

Associated Press

cartels releasing footage of kidnapped people admitting at gunpoint to crimes from extortion to murder. It is often impossible to determine the veracity of confessions given under duress.

In the boldest case, a video emerged less than two weeks ago showing the kidnapped

brother of Patricia Gonzalez, the former attorney general of northern Chihuahua state. In the video, the brother, Mario Gonzalez, says his sister protected a street gang tied to the Juarez cartel and was behind several murders.

Gonzalez, who had been kidnapped days earlier,

made the statement while sitting handcuffed in a chair surrounded by five masked men pointing guns at him. His whereabouts remain unknown.

Patricia Gonzalez denied any links to drug traffickers and said she is sure her brother spoke out of fear. □

## 5th U.S. citizen killed in Mexico this week

OLIVIA TORRES

Associated Press

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico (AP) — A U.S. university student was killed in a shooting attack on a car, becoming the fifth American slain in this violent border city in six days, Mexican and U.S. authorities said Wednesday.

Eder Diaz, a student at the University of Texas at El Paso, was killed Tuesday evening along with a classmate, the U.S. Consulate in Ciudad Juarez said in a statement e-mailed to The Associated Press. The consulate said it had not yet confirmed whether the other victim was also a U.S. citizen.

An investigator from the state of Chihuahua, where Ciudad Juarez is located, identified the second victim as Manuel Acosta, and said he was from Chihuahua’s capital of the same name.

The investigator, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the case, told the AP that gunmen opened fire on a car in which Diaz and Acosta were traveling.

Diaz, 23, was a business major, while Acosta, 25, was a computer information-systems major, university spokesman Steve Lazarin said.

Diaz was the fifth U.S. citizen to be killed in Ciudad Juarez since Friday. All of the victims were from El Paso, which is located across the border from Ciudad Juarez.

Luis Carlos Araiza, 15, a student at Bowie High School in El Paso, and Joanna Herrera, 27, were fatally shot while traveling in a BMW sport utility vehicle near the Zaragoza international bridge Saturday. Mexican officials said they had criminal records

but would not elaborate.

Edgar Lopez, 35, was shot and killed Saturday at a residence in Ciudad Juarez, while on Friday, Lorena Izaguirre, 24, was killed at a tortilla shop.

Ciudad Juarez has become one of the world’s deadliest cities amid a turf war between the Sinaloa and Juarez drug cartels. More than 2,000 people have been killed this year in the city.

The most recent attacks represent the deadliest week for Americans in Mexico since Feb. 1, when four U.S. citizens were killed in different parts of the country. The largest previous single-city death toll for Americans was on May 9, 2009, when four U.S. citizens were slain in Tijuana, across the border from San Diego, California.

The U.S. State Department has issued a travel warning for several parts of Mexico,



**In this photo from Oct. 20, 2010, Bravo Cadillac and Chevrolet owner Raymond Palacio greeted University of Texas at El Paso students Manuel Acosta, left, and Eder Diaz, second from left, as he entered a Business Administration room for a talk with students, in El Paso, Texas. Acosta, 25, and Diaz, 23, were shot and killed Tuesday in Juárez, Mexico, Mexican and American authorities said Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2010.**

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including Chihuahua state. The department said in the warning that Ciudad Juarez is of special concern. Three people associated with the U.S. Consulate there, including two U.S. citizens, were killed last March. In the warning, the U.S.

government advises its citizens to defer unnecessary travel to Ciudad Juarez and to the Guadalupe Bravo area, southeast of Ciudad Juarez. “In both areas, American citizens have been victims of drug related violence,” the warning says. □





Presidential candidate Alassane Ouattara, right, meets with religious leaders at his residence in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, Wednesday Nov. 3, 2010. Partial election results released Wednesday gave President Laurent Gbagbo only a three-point lead over Ouattara, the main opposition leader, portending a possible runoff in three weeks in this tense West African nation that remains divided after a civil war.

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ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast (AP) — President Laurent Gbagbo will face Ivory Coast's main opposition leader in a runoff later this month to decide this volatile West African nation's next leader, according to final results announced Thursday by the electoral commission. The figures put Gbagbo in first

place with just over 38 percent of Sunday's vote — well short of the 50 percent needed to avoid a second round.

Opposition leader Alassane Ouattara, who is wildly popular in the formerly rebel-held north, had about 32 percent, according to an Associated Press tabulation. The party of ex-president Henri Konan Bedie, however, called for a recount, accusing

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## Ivory Coast heads for runoff vote

the electoral commission of publishing false results in a "clear desire" to rig the poll. Bedie, who was toppled in 1999 during the nation's first coup, had 25 percent of the vote, according to the results. The poll was the first here since civil war split the world's biggest cocoa producer in two, leaving rebels in control of the north.

The country officially reunited in a 2007 peace deal, but deep tensions remain and many fear violence could erupt if results are disputed.

In New York, the U.N. Security Council urged all candidates to remain committed "to a democratic, peaceful and transparent completion of the electoral process" and accept the outcome.

It also commended the Ivorian people "for their massive and peaceful participation in this crucial vote, which represents a historic step towards the restoration of sustainable peace."

The preliminary results must

be certified by the country's constitutional council before the count is finalized. A runoff would then be due Nov. 28.

Fears over possible violence as authorities tabulated votes over the last several days left many stores and market stalls closed this week in the main city, Abidjan, where some university classrooms were only half full.

At one local Internet cafe, a few young men checked election results online, but manager Pakome Nanguy complained that people weren't coming in like they normally do.

"They're afraid," he said. "But there's no reason to be. Everything has been calm and orderly."

About 4.8 million out of 5.7 million registered voters cast ballots in weekend poll, according to the electoral commission, meaning turnout was high about 84 percent.

The race pitted Gbagbo, 65, against 13 challengers including 68-year-old Ouattara and 76-year-old

Bedie.

Once a beacon of stability in a region better known for coups and war, Ivory Coast has been struggling to hold an election for years.

Gbagbo's five-year mandate officially expired in 2005, but he extended his stay in office, arguing elections were impossible because armed rebels still controlled the northern half of the country.

The 2007 peace deal broke years of political stalemate, leading to the dismantlement of a U.N.-patrolled buffer zone. But the vote was delayed again repeatedly because of disputes over voter rolls.

More than a quarter of the country's 20 million people are foreign immigrants who came to work on cocoa and coffee plantations in the south. Differentiating them from native Ivorians with roots and names common in neighboring countries like Burkina Faso and Mali has taken years. □

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This Jan. 10, 2002, file photo shows Portland Trail Blazers' Chris Dudley, back, attempting a block on Miami Heat's Alonzo Mourning (33) in the second half of an NBA game in Miami. From the NBA's Chris Dudley and Shawn Bradley to the NFL's Alan Page, Heath Shuler and Jon Runyan to pro wrestling's Linda McMahon, some two dozen sports figures are up for election.

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## Wrestling's McMahon, NBA's Bradley lose elections

By FRED LIEF  
AP Sports Writer

Pro wrestling's Linda McMahon was taken down in Connecticut and two former NBA centers went before voters on an Election Day when sports and politics crossed paths.

Chris Dudley, who built a long NBA career despite some of the game's most abysmal foul shooting, was still locked in a tight contest for governor in Oregon on Wednesday. The race was among the most prominent of the some two dozen across the country featuring sports figures.

Dudley, 6-foot-11 center from Yale who once played for the Portland Trail Blazers, drew on his NBA connections and among his supporters was Commissioner David Stern.

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## A true World Golf Championship

Phil Mickelson of Britain, left, Tiger Woods of the U.S., second from left, Lee Westwood of Britain, second from right, and Martin Kaymer of Germany, right, strike a pose with swords as they perform the Chinese martial art of taichi on stage against the Pudong Financial District during a photo call in Shanghai, China Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2010.

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## Rescued Chilean miner prepared for NYC marathon

EVA VERGARA

Associated Press

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — Edison Pena has prepared for Sunday's New York City Marathon like no other competitor: running each morning and afternoon in steel-tipped electrician's boots that he cut down to ankle-high shoes.

Pena ran back and forth along a 1,000-yard path through the darkness and stifling heat and humidity inside the collapsed gold and copper mine where he and 32 other men were trapped for 69 days before last month's dramatic rescue.

Pena ran to clear his head, to push away his anxiety.

And he ran, fellow miners said, because he wanted to be ready to represent them in a marathon, where he might be able to spread a message about what he hopes will be the legacies of their ordeal: safer workplaces, closer families and more trust in God.

"If I had to run barefoot, I would have done it," Pena told Associated Press Television News after his rescue. "Life has given us a new challenge — to care more deeply, to be more present with the people we love."

Pena, 34, has been among the more outspoken of the rescued miners, a man willing to show his emotions, even tears, as he talks of his intense desire that Chile's mineral riches don't come at the expense of working people ordered into mines known to be unsafe.

"I would like things to change," he said. "It was for something that I ran inside the mine. I think that things can be done. I think we suffered too much, that this too has to be worth something." Marathon organizers who learned of Pena's subterranean



In this photo taken Oct. 13, 2010, rescued miner Edison Pena arrives at the hospital in Copiapo, Chile.

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exercise routine had invited him to come to New York to watch the race. They were shocked when he asked to run instead.

"Edison Pena will be one of the stars of this year's marathon as he will be among the 43,000 or more runners at the starting line on Sunday," said New York Road Runners spokesman Richard Finn in an e-mail to The Associated Press.

Fellow miners weren't surprised that Pena wanted to run in the marathon. Pena ran twice a day, up to 6-7 miles at a time, back and forth along the rocky, muddy floor of the gallery where the men were trapped, Omar Reygadas told the AP Wednesday. Reygadas was a distance runner himself while younger. Now 56, he said he and the other miners couldn't keep up.

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# HSBC Champions: A true World Golf Championship in Shanghai

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

SHANGHAI (AP) — The players and the props showed just how much the landscape of golf has changed at the HSBC Champions.

A year ago, Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson sat across from each other in a mock game of Chinese checkers to kick off the festivities in this final World Golf Championship. They stood out as the top two players in the world. There was little argument about that.

Now it's a lot more crowded. This time, tournament organizers brought Woods, Mickelson, Lee Westwood and PGA champion Martin Kaymer to Shanghai's riverfront in the famous Bund district.

They were equipped with swords, and they struck a pose to celebrate the ancient Chinese martial art of taichi. It was a bit dramatic, but the point had been made.

Golf finally has a real battle for No. 1 in the world, and it figures to play out at Sheshan International over the next four days.

"It's an interesting time for golf," said Westwood, who ended Woods' record reign at No. 1 in the world. "It's a lot more interesting when it's more volatile with who can become world No. 1.



Lee Westwood of Britain tees off on the 2nd hole during the Pro-Am event of the Shanghai HSBC Champions golf tournament, which begins on Thursday, at the Sheshan International Golf Club in Shanghai, China Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2010.

Martin has obviously played very consistently just recently. Tiger and Phil have been at the top of the world rankings for awhile, as I have myself.

"I think for the neutral (fan) who doesn't normally watch golf, it's captured their imagination."

This used to be a time of the year when players chase appearance money in exotic locations, wanting to win for their pride but not under the kind of pressure typically found during the summer months.

That might not be the case

when the HSBC Champions gets under way Thursday.

"It's exciting, I'm sure, for the public," Woods said. "But as far as the players are concerned, I think everyone still has the same focus, and that's to win tournaments. That's how we got into the position we're at, how we got our ranking as high as the top four players in the world. We were able to win golf tournaments.

"That's why we're here doing that."

Woods is no longer No. 1 in the world ranking, nor has he

looked like it for most of the year. He has gone 51 weeks and 12 tournaments without a victory, the longest drought of his career. At stake this week is trying to avoid getting shut out on the PGA Tour for the first time in his career. This also is the only World Golf Championship he has not won. "I've come close," Woods said.

"Unfortunately, I just haven't done it yet."

He wasn't particularly close last year, despite playing in the final group with Mickelson. Woods blew up on the front

nine to fall out of contention, and Mickelson wound up holding on for a one-shot win over Ernie Els.

Westwood hasn't been playing much at all.

He put himself in position to be No. 1 by finishing second in the British Open at St. Andrews, despite a calf injury that was affecting his ankle. Since then, Westwood has played only six rounds in stroke play, and four matches in the Ryder Cup.

If he doesn't finish ahead of Woods or Kaymer — and possibly Mickelson — he most likely won't be No. 1 by the end of the week. That wouldn't be such a disgrace. The first time Woods reached No. 1 in the world, he only lasted one week.

Kaymer had a chance last week if he had finished among the top two in Spain, but he wound up in a tie for 21st. What makes the German stand out are his wins this year — not only the PGA Championship in a playoff at Whistling Straits, but for three other titles on the European Tour that makes him the most prolific winner this year.

He also leads the European Tour's money list, and has a chance to become the first German to win the Order of Merit since Bernhard Langer in 1984, a few months before Kaymer was born. □

# Armstrong teammate appears at cycling grand jury



This April 6, 2010, file photo shows Radio Shack team cyclist Lance Armstrong of the United States, left, and teammate Yaroslav Popovych of Ukraine, before the start of the 58th Circuit de la Sarthe cycling race in Sable sur Sarthe, France.

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ANTHONY McCARTNEY

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LOS ANGELES (AP) —

A Ukrainian cyclist and teammate of Lance Armstrong testified for about two hours

Wednesday before a federal grand jury that is investigating doping in the sport.

An attorney for Yaroslav Popovych said the cyclist was forced to appear before the grand jury even though he had no information that would be useful to the monthslong investigation.

"They forced him to be there," attorney Ken Miller said.

"They served him in Austin, Texas, and made him appear two weeks later in Los Angeles when he was only supposed to be in the States for four days."

Popovych, who was served while in Austin to participate in a ride for Armstrong's cancer charity, Livestrong, had vacation plans that had to

be postponed for Wednesday's appearance before the grand jury, Miller said.

"He didn't know anything about what they're investigating," Miller said. He added that authorities said Popovych wasn't a target of the investigation, but Miller declined to go into detail about what was discussed during the cyclist's testimony.

The 30-year-old rider is the latest person connected to Armstrong to appear before the grand jury, which meets in closed session. Others who have been called include exercise physiologist Allen Lim and Stephanie McIlvain, a longtime friend of the seven-time Tour de France winner.

Popovych has been a member of three Armstrong teams dating back to 2005 and is a current member of Team RadioShack along with Armstrong.

Armstrong has repeatedly denied allegations he used performance-enhancing drugs.

Federal authorities have refused to talk about the cycling probe, which picked up steam and turned toward Armstrong after disgraced 2006 Tour winner Floyd Landis dropped years of denials and admitted last spring that he used performance-enhancing drugs. Landis also accused Armstrong and others of systematic doping. □



# Garon sparkles in Jackets' 3-0 win over Montreal

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Mathieu Garon stopped 29 shots for his 17th career shutout to lead the Columbus Blue Jackets to a 3-0 victory over the Montreal Canadiens on Tuesday.

NHL Roundup Rick Nash, Derick Brassard and Kyle Wilson had goals and Jake Voracek added two assists for the Blue Jackets, who have won six of eight.

Garon, a second-round pick by the Canadiens in the 1996 draft, played three seasons for Montreal. He improved to 8-0-4 in home games since joining Columbus as a free agent in 2009.

**Senators 3, Maple Leafs 2**  
At Toronto, Sergei Gonchar and Erik Karlsson scored power-play goals 2:26 apart in the second period as Ottawa beat slumping Toronto.

Mike Fisher had the other goal for the Senators on a

penalty shot.

Brian Elliott appeared poised to become the third straight goalie to blank the Maple Leafs until Francois Beauchemin trickled a point shot by him at 5:15 of third period.

Clarke MacArthur also scored for the Maple Leafs. Toronto captain Dion Phaneuf left in the second period with an apparent injury to his left leg.

## Wild 1, Sharks 0

At St. Paul, Minnesota, Niklas Backstrom stopped 36 shots and Andrew Brunette scored the game's only goal as Minnesota shut out the powerful San Jose Sharks.

The Sharks held an 18-4 shots advantage midway through the second, but found themselves trailing after Brunette scored a 5-on-3 goal with 7 minutes left in the period.

The Wild killed five power plays, highlighted by a



Columbus Blue Jackets goalie Mathieu Garon, left, stops a shot in front of Montreal Canadiens' Mathieu Darche (52) and Blue Jackets' Marc Methot (3) in the third period of an NHL hockey game in Columbus, Ohio, Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2010. The Blue Jackets won 3-0.

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key stop with 7 minutes remaining in the third. The Sharks entered as the top power-play team in the NHL at 31.6 percent.

## Canucks 4, Oilers 3

At Edmonton, Alberta, Raffi

Torres scored a hat trick against his former team as Vancouver withstood a late charge to beat Edmonton for its fourth straight win. Daniel Sedin also scored for the Canucks (6-3-2), who won for the first time on the

road this season. Vancouver plays seven of its next eight away from home.

Dustin Penner, Ryan Jones and Gilbert Brule scored for the Oilers (3-5-2), who have one win in their past eight games after a 2-0 start. □



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# Wall leads Wizards over 76ers in overtime



Washington Wizards' John Wall (2) is fouled by Philadelphia 76ers' Elton Brand (42) during the fourth quarter of an NBA basketball game, Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2010, in Washington. The Wizards won 116-115 in overtime.

WASHINGTON (AP) — John Wall starred in his home debut, leading the Washington Wizards to a 116-115 overtime win over the Philadelphia 76ers on Tuesday and getting the better of Evan Turner in the first clash of the two top picks in this year's draft. Cartier Martin caught Wall's

inbound pass and hit a 3-pointer with 0.3 seconds remaining in regulation to send the game into overtime. NBA Roundup No. 1 choice Wall had 29 points, 13 assists, nine steals and eight turnovers, helping the Wizards to their first win of the season after two defeats.

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## CHILEAN MINER

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"We would rest and he would keep running. And then in the afternoon, he would go out and run again," Reygadas said. "He also would exercise and run with weight. He really did prepare."

For the first 17 days after the mine collapsed above them, the men tried to contain their fears and save their energy, sharing tiny bits of food from an emergency supply meant to last just 48 hours and drinking contaminated water to survive. The worst moment was when they could hear the rescue team's drill come close — and then uselessly miss their refuge.

"We thought we were going to die," said Pena, who nevertheless insisted that he never lost hope. "I always had faith to keep fighting, to stand up to things, to do what could

be done. I never lost faith in my Lord Jehovah."

When they were finally discovered alive — and it became clear that their rescue could take months or more — Pena got his perseverance back.

"During the first days, he didn't have the strength or spirit to run. We didn't have good food, we didn't know what had happened. Our thoughts were on other things," Reygadas recalled. "Once food was reaching us, he started to run."

Pena has kept running since the rescue — including 6½ miles as part of a triathlon team event in Chile on Oct. 24.

While the miners have been reluctant to give away too much of their survival stories while book and movie deals are pending, Pena revealed some of his motivations after

No. 2 pick Turner, who came off the bench and wasn't a factor until the second half, scored all of his nine points in the fourth quarter and finished with six rebounds for the 76ers, who are 0-4 for the first time since 2001-02.

Lou Williams led the 76ers with 30 points.

## Celtics 109, Pistons 86

In Auburn Hills, Michigan, Rajon Rondo had nine points and 17 assists to lead Boston over Detroit.

Rondo, who had a triple-double with 24 assists Friday against New York, has 67 assists through Boston's first four games.

Kevin Garnett scored 22 points for Boston, which won easily despite Shaquille O'Neal's absence because of a bruised knee. The Celtics hardly missed him against the undersized Pistons, who are off to their first 0-4 start since 1999-2000.

Charlie Villanueva scored 17 points for Detroit, which played without Richard Hamilton, who was out with a sore right foot.

## Lakers 124, Grizzlies 105

In Los Angeles, Kobe Bryant scored all of his 23 points in the first half to set up Los Angeles' win over Memphis. Pau Gasol added 21 points

and 13 rebounds for unbeaten Los Angeles, while Bryant fell one minute short of matching Kareem Abdul-Jabbar to become the Lakers' franchise leader in minutes played.

Rudy Gay scored 30 points for Memphis, and Mike Conley had 16 points and eight assists after agreeing to a five-year, \$40 million contract extension earlier in the day.

## Hawks 100, Cavaliers 88

In Cleveland, Atlanta became the only undefeated team in the Eastern Conference by downing Cleveland.

Marvin Williams scored 22 points, and Al Horford added 16 and 12 rebounds for Atlanta, which improved to 3-0 on the road and snapped a six-game losing streak in Cleveland.

J.J. Hickson scored a career-high 31 points for the Cavs, who have dropped three straight since knocking off Boston in the season opener.

## Heat 129, Timberwolves 97

In Miami, the hosts rolled to their fourth straight win by crushing Minnesota.

Dwyane Wade had 26 points, while LeBron James added 20 points and a game-high 12 assists — the most ever by a Heat forward, according to STATS LLC.

Wade made 12 of 17 shots in just 24 minutes for Miami, which has outscored opponents by 22.8 points per game since losing the season-opener in Boston last week.

Kevin Love led Minnesota with 20 points on 7-for-11 shooting.

## Trail Blazers 90, Bucks 76

In Milwaukee, Portland downed Milwaukee to end its four-game road trip on a winning note.

Leading 47-45 at halftime, Portland capitalized on the Bucks' poor shooting and porous defense to outscore Milwaukee 26-17 and take a 73-62 lead into the final quarter. It was the first time that the Blazers led going into the final period this season.

Wes Matthews scored 16 of his 18 points in the first half while Brandon Roy added 17 points for a Portland team playing its third game in four nights.

Corey Maggette led the Bucks with 16 points.

**In other NBA games it was Atlanta 100, Cleveland 88; Washington 116, Philadelphia 115, OT; Boston 109, Detroit 86; Miami 129, Minnesota 97; Portland 90, Milwaukee 76; and L.A. Lakers 124, Memphis 105.** □



In this Oct. 13, 2010 file photo, released by the Chilean government, miner Edison Pena, center, is greeted while emerging from the capsule that brought him to the surface from the collapsed San Jose gold and copper mine near Copiapo, Chile. Pena, who jogged regularly in the unblocked tunnels of the mine where he and 32 other miners spent trapped over two months, will run at the New York City's marathon next Sunday, Nov. 7.

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that race in a speech that drew applause from other runners and spectators.

"Maybe I ran because I was anxious, maybe to find a way out," he said. "Running is a way of releasing tensions, clearing the head, freeing yourself from chaotic thoughts."

Running, in turn, helped Pena help others.

A big Elvis Presley fan, Pena would perform for his fellow miners to keep their spirits up, Reygadas said.

"He imitated him, he sang and we all felt better when he did his shows," Reygadas said.

When Elvis Presley Enterprises in Memphis, Tenn., heard Pena was a fan, it sent him various gifts, including a picture, DVDs, CDs, a book and sunglasses. It said Pena has also accepted an invitation to visit Graceland, set for Jan. 6-9, for a private

tour of the mansion, grave and other sites. After that, Pena will be flown to Las Vegas to watch "Viva Elvis," the Cirque du Soleil show based on his music.

Pena's spouse, Angelica Alvarez, told AP that he was busy getting ready for the flight to New York, where marathon organizers planned a Thursday news conference and CBS announced he would be a guest on the "Late Show with David Letterman" later that night.

Judging from how Pena has handled the media so far, he'll probably reject the hero label, insisting that the focus should be on worker safety, faith in God and the restorative power of sports. "I'd like to address all the idiots who said this was like a reality show," Pena said during the APTN interview as he returned home after his rescue. □



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## Titans claim wide receiver Randy Moss off waivers

By TERESA M. WALKER

AP Sports Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Tennessee Titans passed on wide receiver Randy Moss once before, back in the 1998 draft.

Not again.

The Titans claimed Moss off the waiver wire Wednesday, choosing not to take any risks with receiver Kenny Britt missing at least one game with an injured right hamstring.

Tennessee, then the Oilers, drafted Kevin Dyson with the 16th pick overall in 1998. They passed on Moss and said then it was because of concerns about his character. Coach Jeff Fisher, speaking three hours before Wednesday's waiver deadline, said the personnel department decided Dyson was a better fit.

"Randy has had a terrific career. He's a Hall of Fame receiver. You don't always make the right decision," Fisher said. "The draft is an imperfect science. We've had No. 1's that haven't panned out for us before."

Now the Titans are 5-3, a half-game back in the AFC South with five divisional games remaining down the stretch. Fisher said in a statement after the Titans were awarded Moss that the receiver offered an opportunity to upgrade their offense.

"Randy has been a tremendous threat where ever he has been," Fisher said. "We will bring him up to speed as quickly as possible."

Moss can help a team that has not won a playoff game since January 2004, and Fisher said Britt, who hurt his right hamstring in last week's 33-25 loss to San Diego, will miss the Titans' game Nov. 14

at Miami.

How quickly Moss joins the Titans remains to be seen. The Titans are on their bye and hold their last practice Thursday before breaking for the weekend. Players won't be due back until Tuesday, but agent Joel Segal said Moss will be heading to Tennessee. "Randy's excited to get back playing football," Segal said. "He's ready to go and looking forward to get there."

The receiver going to his third team this season already is being welcomed. Safety Michael Griffin tweeted "welcome Randy Moss" and All Pro running back Chris Johnson had been lobbying for the Titans to pick up Moss as well. Johnson shares the same agent as Moss and had been telling Segal how much

he wanted the receiver in Tennessee.

"Why do we need Randy Moss?" Johnson said Wednesday, before the move was announced. "You can't put eight in a box if you got Randy Moss out there on the outside. If you've got Randy Moss out there, you just can't play him one-on-one. I feel like Randy would be a great addition to this team, be a great addition to our receiving group and really help us go deep in the playoffs."

That's what matters most for the Titans.

Owner Bud Adams turns 88 in January, and this franchise's lone Super Bowl berth was way back in 2000. The Titans lost a wild-card playoff game in San Diego in the 2007 season and wasted the



In this Sunday, Oct. 31, 2010, photo, Minnesota Vikings wide receiver Randy Moss runs with a ball during warmups for an NFL football game against the New England Patriots in Foxborough, Mass. Vikings players confirmed Monday that coach Brad Childress informed them during a team meeting that Moss had been let go.

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No. 1 seed and home-field advantage in 2008 with a divisional round loss.

Britt has the NFL's best game receiving this season with his 225 yards and three

touchdowns Oct. 24, and Vince Young currently is the NFL's top rated passer at 103.1. But the Tennessee passing offense ranks 24th, averaging 187.6 yards per game.



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# Andy Roddick beats Sam Querrey at Swiss Indoors



United States' Andy Roddick returns a ball to United States' Sam Querrey during their first round match at the Davidoff Swiss Indoors tennis tournament at the St. Jakobshalle in Basel, Switzerland, Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2010.

BASEL, Switzerland (AP) — Andy Roddick came out on top in a big-serving encounter with fellow American Sam Querrey 7-5, 7-6 (6) while Roger Federer cruised into the quarterfinals at the Swiss

Indoors on Wednesday. Fourth-seeded Roddick sent down 16 aces and dropped just six first-service points against 22nd-ranked Querrey, who served 13 aces. Roddick, who next faces Andrey

Golubev of Kazakhstan in the second round, has returned to Basel after seven years in hopes of claiming one of the last three berths in the eight-man ATP World Tour Finals in London this month. Roddick

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was currently eighth in the standings.

Federer, the No. 1 seed, eased past Serbia's Janko Tipsarevic, requiring a single break in each set to complete a 6-3, 6-4 win in St. Jakobshalle.

Federer served even more efficiently than Roddick, conceding just seven points in nine service games. He sealed the first set with an ace and clinched the match with a service winner.

The hometown favorite, and FC Basel fan, had his second-round match scheduled earlier in the evening to avoid clashing with the team's Champions League fixture against AS Roma being played across the street at the St. Jakob Park stadium.

Ninety minutes after leaving the court, Federer was seated alongside his parents at the football game as his Wimbledon conqueror Tomas Berdych was eliminated.

Berdych, the No. 3 seed, slumped to a 6-4, 6-1 loss against Tobias Kamke, the 72nd-ranked German who entered the main draw as a lucky loser in qualifying.

Eighth-seeded John Isner of the United States paid for squandering all eight of his chances to break Robin Haase's serve. The Dutchman closed out a 6-2, 6-7 (5), 7-5 win to join Federer in the last eight.

In other first-round matches, another lucky loser advanced as France's Paul-Henri Mathieu won 6-3, 6-3 against Germany's Florian Mayer, a beaten finalist against Federer in Stockholm last month.

Wild card Radek Stepanek of the Czech Republic beat Thiemo de Bakker of the Netherlands 6-3, 7-6 (5), and Finland's Jarkko Nieminen defeated Germany's Daniel Brands 6-3, 6-2 in a match between qualifiers. □



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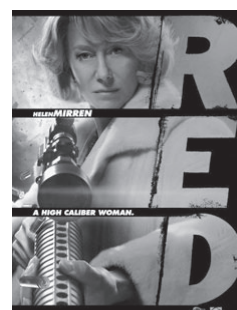
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# Without injured Williams sisters, some buzz gone

MICHAEL CASEY

AP Sports Writer

DOHA, Qatar (AP) — Tennis fans in this Gulf city are used to seeing Serena and Venus Williams at the WTA Championships. Each sister won the season-ending title recently, and coming into this year's event, their images were everywhere — staring down from billboards, featured on tournament programs. Both were no-shows last week, though, because of injuries. And both will also miss this weekend's Fed Cup final in San Diego between the United States and Italy.

Sidelined by two operations on her right foot after getting cut by glass at a restaurant, Serena Williams hasn't played a competitive match anywhere since winning Wimbledon on July 3. Hobbled by a bad left knee, Venus Williams has only played in one tournament, the U.S. Open, since losing at the All England Club on June 29.

Serena turned 29 this year, Venus turned 30, and while neither has given any public indication she is contemplating retirement anytime soon, their extended absences have given everyone — other players, fans, WTA officials, TV networks — a chance to see what it is like to have a women's tennis tour without the two most famous and successful siblings their sport ever has seen.

"The absence of the Williams sisters at any event — be it a major or non-major — is significant," said Jason Bernstein, a senior director in ESPN's programming department. "Fans, print and electronic media interest, TV ratings and overall buzz are all reduced."

Serena has won 13 Grand Slam singles titles — the

most among active women, by far, and sixth in history — and Venus has won seven. Despite their lack of playing time in 2010, both finished the WTA season ranked in the top five. No other American woman is in the top 50, so U.S. Fed Cup captain Mary Joe Fernandez's roster instead includes No. 58 Bethanie Mattek-Sands, No. 67 Melanie Oudin and No. 115 Coco Vandeweghe.

Asked about not having the Williams sisters, Fernandez said: "I mean, of course it's disappointing. The whole team was really looking forward to having both Venus and Serena on the team."

The interest generated by the Williams sisters' ascension to the top of tennis — both have been ranked No. 1, including Serena as recently as last month — is widely credited with the decision to move the U.S. Open women's final to prime time for American television in 2001. Venus beat Serena that year for the championship, and nearly 23 million viewers tuned in to the CBS broadcast.

Bernstein called the Williams sisters "game-changers for the sport" who "are compelling to watch." That said, Bernstein joined the WTA in insisting the tour is "well positioned" to withstand the eventual departures of the siblings — just as it carried on after other major stars left, including Steffi Graf, Martina Navratilova and Monica Seles.

WTA chief executive officer Stacey Allaster called the Williamses "two of the most exciting and finest players we have had in our history," but noted that the tour can remain strong even without them.

Allaster acknowledged it's likely that fewer Americans tuned into the

WTA Championships this year because the Williams sisters did not play, but she said that overall television viewership around the globe was up 20 percent from 2009, perhaps because seven countries were represented in the eight-woman singles field.

"Every time there is changing of a generation of stars, one begins to ask these questions. Who will replace Andre? Who will replace Pete? Who will replace Martina, Monica, Steffi?" Allaster said.

"It's very natural for all of us to say 'Who is next?' Who is the next generation of stars who is going to take the WTA to the next level?" Allaster added. "What we know definitively is that women's tennis has gone from strength to strength with each generation of stars. ... I hope (the Williams sisters) stay around for many more years and hope they are healthy to do that. But I'm also incredibly confident in the product we have and the depth of athletes we have."

At the WTA Championships last week, the Williams' absence was hard to miss.

"I just feel sorry for Williams sisters, that they are not here," said two-time major finalist Elena Dementieva, who announced her own retirement in Doha. "With them, it's really interesting and challenging for the rest of the players."

Some spectators felt jilted when they heard neither Williams would be at the tournament.

"I'm a bit disappointed. They are the two players everyone has heard of," said Gemma Swan, a British fan who was at the Doha tournament with her husband and baby daughter. "We were quite excited to see them. It's exciting when the two sisters are in the finals together."



This June 4, 2010, file photo shows Venus Williams, right, and Serena Williams holding the cup after defeating Czech Republic's Kveta Peschke and Slovenia's Katarina Srebotnik during a women's doubles final for the French Open tennis tournament in Paris.

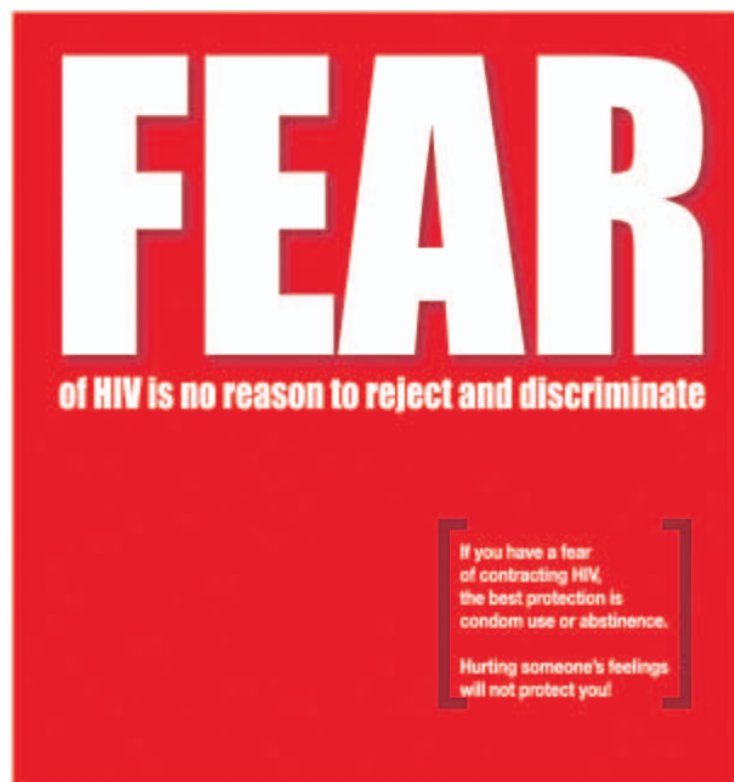
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These days, Caroline Wozniacki — a 20-year-old Dane who replaced Serena at No. 1 — is considered one of the tour's next big draws, along with two-time major finalist Vera Zvonareva of Russia and 10th-ranked Victoria Azarenka of Belarus.

None of those three has won a Grand Slam title yet, however.

Like Allaster, current players sound convinced that someone will emerge to take the tour forward.

"There will be new champions," said Kim Clijsters, the three-time U.S. Open champion who beat Wozniacki in the final at Doha last weekend. "That is the great thing about the sport. While we are sitting here talking, there are players practicing and living tennis out there who are going to be in the position that maybe Venus and Serena are in. We just don't know it yet. It's not like there is not going to be a great star anymore." □







**San Francisco Giants manager Bruce Bochy waves as he carries the World Series trophy while riding in a car during a baseball World Series parade in downtown San Francisco, Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2010. The Giants defeated the Texas Rangers in five games for their first championship since the team moved west from New York 52 years ago.**

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## LOSE ELECTIONS

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Shawn Bradley, a 7-foot-6 former BYU star who spent 12 years in the NBA, lost his bid for a spot in the Utah Legislature on Tuesday night. He was defeated by state Rep. Tim Cosgrove, a Democrat.

McMahon, the former CEO of World Wrestling Entertainment who presented herself as a shrewd businesswoman, was beaten for the U.S. Senate seat by Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal. Throughout the Republican primary and general election, McMahon was questioned about the WWE's role in steroids, the health of the wrestlers and the way wrestling portrays women.

McMahon and husband Vince McMahon turned what was once a marginal enterprise into a cash-rich empire. She besieged the state with ads and is believed to have spent at least \$50 million of her own money on her campaign. Now, she's wary of a return to wrestling.

"You can't step out of WWE and expect to come back in because it moves forward and it's moving forward at a great pace," she said. "I wouldn't try to step back in there."

Heath Shuler, the former quarterback for the Washington Redskins and New Orleans Saints, was re-elected to Congress from North Carolina in an important race for Democrats. Shuler, part of the conservative Blue Dog coalition, held off Republican Jeff Miller in a campaign in which the football star tried to show where he broke with his party's leadership.

Republican Jon Runyan, a former Eagles lineman who spent 14 years in the NFL, defeated Democrat John Adler in a tight U.S. House race in New Jersey. Republican Jason Chaffetz, who once kicked 10 extra points in a game for BYU, was re-elected to Congress from Utah.

Alan Page, the Pro Football Hall of Famer for the Minnesota Vikings, kept his seat on the Minnesota Supreme Court.

The U.S. Senate is losing its headline sports figure with the retirement of Hall of Fame pitcher Jim Bunning of Kentucky. Sen. Herb Kohl of Wisconsin, owner of the Milwaukee Bucks,

# Thousands cheer on Giants at San Francisco parade

**JASON DEAREN  
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*Associated Press*

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)**

— Tens of thousands of fans flocked to downtown to toast the San Francisco Giants' World Series championship and see their hometown heroes take a victory lap on Wednesday in a ticker-tape parade reminiscent of the one held when the team moved from New York 52 years ago.

"This is Christmas, New Year's and your first-born all rolled into one," said Steve Williams, 51, an usher at AT&T Park as he gathered with Giants employees at the start of the parade in the financial district. "I'm on cloud nine."

Fans crowded the sidewalks and flooded Civic Center to salute a team of self-described misfits and castoffs.

Under a sunny sky, confetti rained on team members and civic dignitaries as they rode down the parade route in convertibles and cable cars on wheels. Street lamps were festooned with orange and black — the team's colors.

Marching bands, floats and costumed mascots added to the street party.

"I've never seen anything like this in my life," center-fielder Andres Torres said as he greeted fans behind a barricade. "The parade has been amazing."

Fans of Brian Wilson, the quirky reliever whose facial

hair has become a local obsession, paid tribute to him by painting beards on their faces and wearing T-shirts that read, "Fear the Beard." He stoked the crowd by jumping up and down and giving people high-fives.

Slugger Aubrey Huff, who threatened to unveil his lucky red thong at the parade, made good on his words by waving it at fans. They roared with deafening approval.

At the Civic Center, fans climbed into trees and streetlights to get a better view, the police unable to reach most of them over the crush of bodies. The scent of marijuana wafted in the air even though a ballot measure aimed at legalizing pot was defeated in Tuesday's elections.

Mayor Gavin Newsom was giddy as he described growing up a "fanatical Giants fan" and dreaming about playing for the team one day.

"I thought I'd see (a World Series championship) in my lifetime, but never thought I'd see it as mayor," Newsom said. "It's incomprehensible that this happened."

The parade moved from the financial district, then down Market Street to the Civic Center where Newsom presented the team a key to the city.

Thousands of raucous fans had gathered at the same spot beneath City Hall's orange-lit dome on Monday to watch an outdoor big screen television that captured the team's Game 5 win over the Texas Rangers. The Giants finally achieved the World Series trophy that eluded them in 1962, 1989 and 2002 since leaving New York. □



**This Aug. 2, 1996, file photo, shows Washington Redskins quarterback Heath Shuler (5) looking to pass under pressure from Buffalo Bills linebacker Bryce Paup (95) as Redskins running back Terry Allen (21) blocks during an NFL preseason football game in Orchard Park, N.Y. From the NBA's Chris Dudley and Shawn Bradley to the NFL's Alan Page, Heath Shuler and Jon Runyan to pro wrestling's Linda McMahon, some two dozen sports figures are up for election.**

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was not up for election.

Kendrick Meek, once a defensive lineman on Florida A&M's conference championship team, was beaten decisively in the Senate race in Florida won by Marco Rubio. Meek, a Democrat, drew less than 20 percent of the vote.

Indiana's Baron Hill, a former basketball player at Furman, was caught in the sweeping Republican gains in the House. The Democrat was assailed by Republicans for backing the federal stimulus and health care bills. Norm Dicks, an ex-linebacker at the University of Washington, easily won re-election to the U.S. House from Washington.

A Virginia congressional race featured former Virginia football player Kenny Golden. □



# See me, Obi-Wan Kenobi: Scientists seek 3-D video

By MALCOLM RITTER,  
AP Science Writer

NEW YORK — Scientists say they have taken a big step toward displaying live video in three dimensions — a technology far beyond 3-D movies and more like the “Star Wars” scene where a ghostly Princess Leia image pleads, “Help me, Obi-Wan Kenobi.” In that classic movie, the audience sees her back before a new camera perspective shows her face. Such a wraparound view of a moving image was just movie-trick fantasy in the 1977 film, but now?

“It is actually very, very close to reality. We have demonstrated the concept that it works. It’s no longer something that is science fiction,” said Nasser Peyghambarian of the University of Arizona.

Actually, the results he and colleagues report in Thursday’s issue of the journal *Nature* look more like a slide show than a video. In experiments, the technology displayed a new image only every two seconds. That’s only about one-sixtieth as fast as the system would need to produce true video.

The image also gave only a 45-degree range of viewing

angles because the original was shot with 16 cameras laid out in an arc.

But Peyghambarian figures that with more development — and more cameras — his team can produce a true 3-D video screen that might reach living rooms in perhaps a decade. And you wouldn’t need those funny glasses to enjoy it.

Apart from the possibilities for entertainment, it might allow doctors in multiple places around the world to collaborate on live surgery, he said. If the screen were placed flat on a table, they could get a 360-degree view by walking around, just as if the patient were lying there.

While the 3-D image would not actually be projected into the air, that’s how it would appear to a person looking into the screen.

Other possibilities, Peyghambarian said, including eye-catching ads at shopping malls and a technique to enable designers of cars or airplanes to make changes more quickly. Live 3-D video could also help the military train troops, he said.

We see objects by perceiving the light that bounces off them. Peyghambarian’s

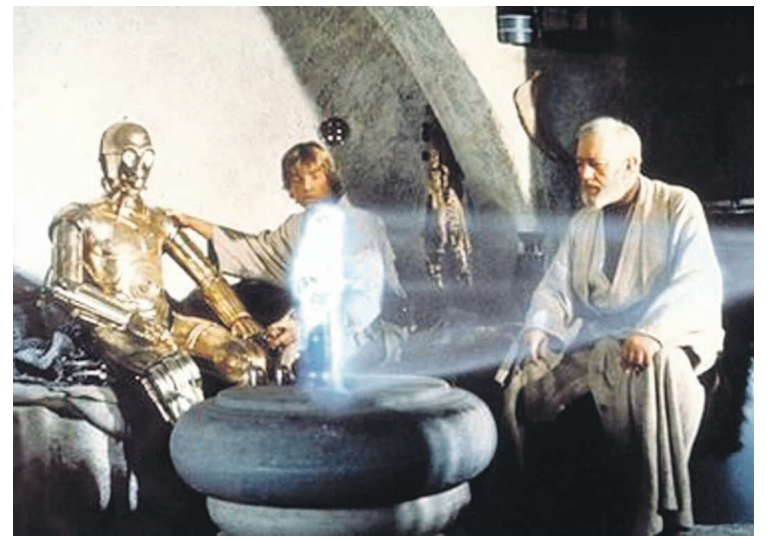
technology uses holograms, two-dimensional images that reconstruct the light that would have bounced off a physical object, making it look 3-D.

In contrast, technology used for 3-D movies like “Avatar” or the election-night “hologram” of a CNN reporter in 2008 produces images that don’t show different views from different angles, as a genuine hologram or a real object does, Peyghambarian said.

Many people have seen holograms of still images. The Arizona group is one of maybe half a dozen around the world that are trying to move that technology into 3-D video, said V. Michael Bove Jr. of the MIT Media Lab.

Bove said several groups, including his own, have in fact produced such videos, achieving the magic rate of 30 frames a second. But those displays are only about the size of a postcard or smaller, he said, and one big challenge is how to make the display bigger.

The Arizona group uses a plastic plate that stores and displays an image until another image is “written” electronically on it. That



In this publicity image released by LucasFilm Ltd & TM, characters, from left, Anthony Daniels portraying C-3PO, Mark Hamill portraying Luke Skywalker and Alec Guinness portraying Ben Obi-Wan Kenobi look at a hologram of Princess Leia, portrayed by Carrie Fisher in a scene from the original 1977 ‘Star Wars’ film.

(AP Photo/Lucasfilm Ltd & TM)

approach might someday allow for much bigger images, said Bove, who is collaborating with the Arizona researchers but did not participate in the new study.

Peyghambarian said he now gets an image every two seconds on a 4-by-4-inch device. His team also has a 1-foot-square plate, but that takes longer to replace images. He would like to scale up to plates about 6 or 8 feet square to show people at full size, so they could appear at meetings without having to actually

show up.

His work was sponsored by the National Science Foundation and the military.

Bove compared the state of holographic video research to that of developing television about 80 years ago. Different groups are taking different approaches, and it is not clear which technology will prove best, he said.

In any case, he said, the Arizona system “produces bright, sharp holographic images. ... This thing is beautiful.” □



Attendees play Kinect Adventures for Microsoft Xbox in an enclosed booth at the E3 Media & Business Summit in Los Angeles June 16, 2010.

SEATTLE/NEW YORK — Microsoft Corp is expecting to sell 5 million of its new controller-free Kinect gaming systems this holiday shopping season, potentially adding \$750 million to the software company’s revenue this quarter. The \$150 device, which plugs into Microsoft’s Xbox gaming console and allows users to play games

simply by using gestures and voice commands, goes on sale at midnight in 30,000 stores across the United States. Microsoft is hoping to challenge Sony Corp’s Move and Nintendo Co’s Wii in the expanding motion-based gaming market, and reinvigorate the \$60 billion global video game industry, which has been hit hard by the

## Microsoft sees 5 million sales of motion-sensing Kinect

economic downturn.

In September, the company forecast 3 million Kinect sales, but the head of Microsoft’s entertainment unit Don Mattrick raised the projection to 5 million in an interview with Reuters on Wednesday.

“Presales have exceeded expectations,” said Mattrick. “People are coming to us and saying this is must-have holiday item.”

High demand for the Kinect may lead to shortages, Mattrick warned, which could crimp sales.

“We’re anticipating that some of our partners will be sold out at points of time this holiday, and that’s something we’ll do our best to work through,” he said. There will be midnight events at 5,000 U.S. stores to

mark the launch of the new product. By late-afternoon, about 100 people had formed a line outside Toys R Us in New York’s Times Square, where Microsoft is holding a splashy launch and is giving away free games to early customers.

Overall, more than 30,000 U.S. stores will sell Kinect, including branches of Wal-Mart Stores Inc, Target Corp, Best Buy Co Inc, GameStop Corp and online at Amazon.com. It goes on sale on November 10 in Europe and November 18 in Asia.

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Microsoft, which unveiled the system under the project name ‘Natal’ last year, is selling Kinect for \$150 or as part of a package including a 4

gigabyte Xbox for \$300.

The device itself is a roughly foot-long, thin black box with three camera sensors, which plugs into the back of the Xbox. It comes with one set of games called ‘Kinect Adventures’, scenarios where players navigate courses on fast-flowing rivers, underwater and in space.

There will be 16 other games available for the holidays, Microsoft said, including sports, dancing and fitness-themed titles.

Sophisticated shooting games like Microsoft’s Halo series are not expected to be available on the Kinect, as the company is aiming to spread the appeal of hands-free gaming to a wide audience rather than attract existing hardcore gamers. □





In this March 25, 2010 photo provided by Disney Theatrical Productions, actress Shannon Tavaréz is seen backstage at the Minskoff theater in New York where she was playing the part of Young Nala in the Broadway musical, 'The Lion King.' Tavaréz, 11, died Monday Nov. 1, 2010, after losing her battle with Leukemia. A founder of the bone marrow donor center DKMS, said Tavaréz died at Cohen Children's Medical Center in New Hyde Park, on Long Island.

(AP Photo/Disney Theatrical Productions, Jenny Anderson)

By MARK KENNEDY,  
AP Drama Writer

NEW YORK — The Broadway theater where "The Lion King" is playing dimmed its lights Tuesday night in

# Broadway honors 'Lion King' actress who has died

honor of a fallen lion cub: An 11-year-old actress from the show who lost her battle with leukemia.

Shannon Tavaréz died Monday afternoon at Cohen Children's Medical Center in New Hyde Park, on Long Island, of acute myelogenous leukemia, a common type of leukemia among adults but rare among children.

"Shannon's strength and her happy, positive spirit will live on in our hearts and minds each day," her mother, Odiney Brown, said in a statement. "Shannon's dream was to perform on stage, and that she did."

The sixth-grader's battle with cancer won the hearts of many, including Alicia Keys, Rihanna and 50 Cent. The Minskoff Theatre, home of the "The Lion King," paid tribute to the actress by dimming its marquee lights.

"It is our hope that Shannon's legacy will continue to inspire other brave children battling leukemia. We are grateful for the outpouring of love and prayers," her family said in the statement.

Shannon was forced to quit

the show in April. She beat out hundreds of other hopefuls last year to earn her spot playing the lion Nala, the childhood pal of Simba, hero of "The Lion King." She split the role with another girl, performing four shows a week for six months.

Shannon had received an umbilical-cord blood transplant in August. The procedure was performed as an alternative to a bone marrow transplant. Her doctor, Dr. Larry Wolfe, said that a perfect bone marrow match for Shannon could not be found.

The search for a match was especially daunting because Shannon's mother is African-American and her father is Hispanic, from the Dominican Republic. For bone marrow transplants, minorities and those of mixed ancestry have a more difficult time finding good matches because there aren't as many people from those groups signed up as potential donors.

Right now, 83 percent of African-American patients who need marrow transplants don't find matches after

six months of searching, according to the National Marrow Donor Program, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping patients receive transplants.

On her website, which includes a photo of herself as Nala and a video of her singing "The Circle of Life," the 78-pound actress said, "Some people think that the test for compatibility is scary! ... All it really takes to get started is a cotton swab of the inside of your cheek.

"So please get tested today. Who knows? You might be my match. Or, you may be able to help other young people with similar illnesses. And remember... 'One swab will do the job.'"

In a hospital interview with The Associated Press after being diagnosed, the young actress talked about her love for the theater.

"It's an indescribable feeling, being on stage," she said. "I portray this character with fears, but who is so tough. I feel like that's who I am."

Her long, curly brown hair was gone because of chemotherapy, but the sixth-

grader said the most difficult part was being away from acting and her friends.

Keys, Rihanna and 50 Cent campaigned to help Tavaréz find a bone marrow donor, and cast members held bone marrow donor registration drives outside the play's Minskoff Theater. Katharina Harf, co-founder of the bone marrow donor center DKMS, said the donor center registered 10,000 people as potential donors. Keys skyped with Tavaréz while she was at the hospital, Harf said, and the singer, Rihanna and 50 Cent urged their fans to sign up as potential donors.

Child performers from "The Lion King" and other shows also sold bracelets and key chains that read, "Shine for Shannon," to raise money to help pay for her medical bills. "It's rare that you meet such a spirited girl at such a young age," Harf said. "She touched so many people to register. She was really, really a special girl." "Shannon's bright smile, amazing talent, and courage will continue to inspire us in our efforts," the New York Blood Center said in a statement. □

## Review: Tyler Perry's 'For Colored Girls'

By JAKE COYLE,  
AP Entertainment Writer

Tyler Perry, whose name usually adorns the titles to his films, hasn't disowned his latest, the simply dubbed "For Colored Girls."

On the contrary, his gesture of seeming humility is a self-conscious stab at respectability. With his 10th film, Perry has tried to make a "serious" film, one that courts critical acclaim and maybe even some of the Oscar buzz that the Perry-produced "Precious: Based on the Novel 'Push' by Sapphire" found this time last year.

But make no mistake about it, "For Colored Girls" is not much of a departure for Perry, who has made a trademark out of extreme melodrama, done quick and cheap. That might be good news for his ardent fans, but it's bad news for everyone else.

Unlike "Precious," "For Colored Girls" at least hasn't awkwardly jammed its source

material into its title. It's based on the Obie Award-winning play, "for colored girls who have considered suicide/when the rainbow is enuf," by Ntozake Shange.

First performed in 1974, the play — which Shange called a "choreopoem" — was a sensation. Played by seven wounded but resilient black female characters (each known only as a color), it's a series of 20 poems.

The play was a powerful flow of eloquent, full-blooded testifying, one that has since been revered and repeatedly staged. That Perry would be drawn to it makes sense: Raised by women, he's made them his specialty.

Finding a narrative to string Shange's poems together, though, is no easy task. Perry has put most of his nine women into one Harlem apartment building (they were scattered across the country in the play), where their stories overlap.

There is Crystal (Kimberly

Elise), the mother of two and wife to an abusive war veteran (Michael Ealy). Her boss is a fashion magazine editor, Jo (Janet Jackson), whose steely success castrates her husband (Omari Hardwick).

Across the hall from Crystal is Tangie (Thandie Newton), a bartender who slides into bed easily with her customers. Her sister is a high school dancer, Nyla (Tessa Thompson) who has just lost her virginity. Their angry, righteous mother (Whoopi Goldberg) is a religious fanatic clad in only white.

Living in between Crystal and Tangie is Gilda, a concerned, motherly neighbor (Phylicia Rashad). Then there are the health workers: Juanita (Loretta Devine) runs a women's health clinic, and Kelly (Kerry Washington) is a visiting social worker. Dance instructor Yasmine (Anika Noni Rose), who is betrayed by a date, rounds out the protagonists.



In this film publicity image released by Lionsgate, Thandie Newton, left, and Whoopi Goldberg are shown in a scene from, 'For Colored Girls.'

(AP Photo/Lionsgate, Quantrell Colbert)

If that sounds like a lot of characters to keep track of, it is. Perry juggles them all awkwardly. Fitting all their stories in leaves room for little character development, and what's left is the most sensational aspects of their stories. "For Colored Girls" plays very much like a typical Perry soap opera, with the exception that every now and then his characters spout a poetic soliloquy. The rich language of the ruminations

are utterly disconnected from Perry's dialogue.

The monologues still offer some sanctuary, surely proof that Shange's words remain strong even when insufficiently surrounded. Jackson and Goldberg may be among the bigger names in the film, but their characters come across especially thin. Thompson shines, particularly in her post-abortion soliloquy: "Eyes crawling up on me, eyes crawling up my thighs." □



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**Stocks rise after Federal Reserve announcement****By STEPHEN BERNARD  
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AP Business Writers

NEW YORK — Stocks are trading slightly higher after the Federal Reserve announced that it plans to buy \$600 billion in Treasuries to stimulate the economy. The Fed's aim is to drive interest rates lower in an effort to spark spending and lending.

The Dow Jones industrial average is up 7.34, or 0.1 percent, at 11,195.72. The broader Standard and Poor's 500 Index is up 2.15, or 0.2 percent, at 1,195.72, while the Nasdaq composite is up 2.79, or 0.1 percent, at 2,536.31.

The central bank had hinted for two months it planned to buy bonds in an effort to boost the economy. The main question investors faced was the size of the program.

Lawrence Creatura, a portfolio manager at Federated Investors, said the market

had factored in expectations that the Fed will buy \$500 billion or less of Treasury bonds. A bigger program could have spooked investors' views about the health of the economy, Creatura said.

"The Fed's move takes a lot of uncertainty out of the air," said Anthony Chan, the chief economist for JP Morgan Chase's private wealth management division. "This puts a floor on the economy's performance and gives them the opportunity to do more if the economy needs it."

The Dow has been flirting with its highest closing level of the year, which was 11,205.03 on April 26. If it can close above that level, it would be the Dow's best finish since September 2008, just before the financial crisis peaked.

The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note, which moves opposite its price, rose to 2.63 percent from 2.59

percent late Tuesday. The yield on the 30-year bond, which won't be targeted by the Fed's bond-buying program nearly as much as investors had hoped, rose to 4.06 percent from 3.93 percent late Tuesday.

Key economic reports that would have normally affected trading are being overshadowed by the Fed's meeting.

Payroll company ADP said private employers added 43,000 jobs last month after cutting jobs in September, which usually would have driven buying in the market.

The report is seen as a gauge heading into the government's monthly employment report, which is due out Friday. ADP indicating a rise in employment bodes well for the government saying private employers ramped up hiring, at least somewhat, last month. The Institute for Supply



Traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2010.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

Management said growth in the service sector accelerated last month when economists were expecting a slowdown in the pace of expansion. That too would normally have provided stocks a lift. The

ISM report is closely watched because the service sector accounts for about 80 percent of the nation's jobs. Earlier this week, ISM said the growth in the manufacturing activity also accelerated last month. □



**FILE** - In this Aug. 27, 2010 file photo, nurse practitioner Susan Brown prepares a flu vaccination for a customer, in Rockville, Md. The service sector grew at a faster pace in October than the previous month, the 10th straight month of growth.

(AP Photo/Evan Vucci, file)

**By CHRISTOPHER S.  
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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — The economy is picking up a bit from its late summer doldrums, according to two reports Wednesday, with both the service and manufacturing sectors showing better health. Yet the gains aren't likely to be enough to reduce high

unemployment anytime soon. The service sector, which employs about 80 percent of Americans, grew faster in October than in the previous month, a trade group said. It also posted its 10th straight month of expansion.

A separate report Wednesday showed that orders to U.S. factories rose broadly in September. Business spending

**Economy's service and manufacturing sectors gain**

on big-ticket goods such as airplanes and heavy machines produced most of the demand for factory orders, the Commerce Department said. But consumer spending also rose 1 percent, after running flat in August.

Economists have worried that consumers won't spend enough to keep factories moving as business spending subsides. Wednesday's factory report might ease those fears. "The economy is picking up steam here," said John Silvia, chief economist at Wells Fargo. "It's not going to be a boom, but it's not as pessimistic as many people were expecting."

The Institute for Supply Management, a trade group of purchasing executives, said its service sector index rose to 54.3 in October, up from 53.2 in September. A figure above 50 indicates that the sector is expanding.

The index reached 55.4 in the spring, its peak after the recession ended in June 2009, before falling to 51.4 in August. It plummeted to 37.2 in November 2008, its low point during the recession. The index covers retailers, health care, financial services, hotels and restaurants, among other sectors. Economists said October's figure is consistent with modest economic growth of about 2.5 percent. That's an improvement from the 2 percent annual rate the government reported last month for the July-September quarter. But it's far from the 5 percent growth needed to quickly reduce unemployment.

The jobless rate is now 9.6 percent. Economists forecast that it will rise to 9.7 percent when the October unemployment report is released Friday.

The employment index in the

ISM's service-sector report rose for the second straight month, indicating services companies likely added jobs last month.

In another positive report, the payroll company ADP said private-sector employers added 43,000 jobs in October, after cutting employment in September.

The job market appears "to be perking up a little," Brian Bethune, an economist at IHS Global Insight, said in a note to clients. But "we are still a long way from the kind of employment growth that would start to drive down the unemployment rate."

Silvia said Tuesday's elections, in which Republicans gained a majority in the House, might resolve the uncertainty over taxes and regulatory policy that some corporate executives say is causing them to hold back on hiring, even as profits rise. □





## Italy carries out first hi-tech pancreas transplant



This handout picture released by Pisa's Hospital surgery department, taken on September 2010, shows the world's first robotic's transplant of a pancreas made by a medical team of Pisa's University Cisanello Hospital.

PISA, Italy – Italian doctors have carried out the world's first robotically-assisted pancreatic transplant in an operation that could help diabetes sufferers everywhere, they said on Wednesday.

The robotically-assisted operation "creates new prospects for the treatment of diabetics," because its "mini-invasive" nature strongly reduces post-operation complications, the team at the university hospital in Pisa said.

The robotic technique allows surgeons to carry out the transplant through three small holes and a seven-centimetre (three-inch) incision, the

hospital said.

"This will put an end to the decades-old dilemma of whether it's possible to do pancreatic transplants because the operation is so invasive when done in the traditional way," Ugo Boggi, who heads the team, said at a press conference.

The transplant was carried out on September 27 on a 43-year-old mother of two who had suffered from type one diabetes since she was 24 years old and had already had a kidney transplant.

The patient suffered no complications from the three-hour operation and left the

hospital on October 30.

Pancreatic transplants have been very invasive until now because of the organ's vascular structure and the fragility of diabetic patients, who in 50 percent of cases develop post-operative problems, a hospital statement said.

The medical team carried out the operation with the assistance of the "Da Vinci SHDI robot" -- a large machine with several arms -- designed in the multidisciplinary Robotic Surgery centre in Pisa.

The world-renowned centre also carried out the first robotically-assisted kidney transplant in Europe in July. □

## Study backs Roche's Tamiflu as first option in flu

By Kate Kelland

LONDON – Swiss drugmaker Roche's Tamiflu relieves flu symptoms more effectively than a combination of it and GlaxoSmithKline's Relenza, and should be first choice for flu patients, scientists said. French researchers writing in the Public Library of Science (PLOS) Medicine journal said a study of antiviral drugs during the 2008-09 flu season found doctors should be wary of combining the two antivirals and should use Tamiflu as the first treatment option.

Tamiflu, or oseltamivir, which comes as a pill made by Roche under license from Gilead Sciences, is the drug of choice to fight flu, but some scientists have worried its overuse may prompt flu viruses to develop resistance, and so had suggested a drug combination might reduce this risk. Relenza is an inhaled drug that works in a similar manner to Tamiflu and is known generically as zanamivir.

Scientists know flu is highly prone to mutation and most strains of the virus have evolved resistance against two older flu drugs, amantadine and rimantadine.

"When we started the trial in 2008, we felt at the time that a flu pandemic might come

and there would be wide use of antivirals for influenza," said Catherine Leport from the University of Paris, France, who led the study.

"It is a common knowledge in infectious disease that when you have wide use of a single or a limited number of drugs, you may promote the emergence of resistant viruses.

So a combination could be useful instead," she said in an interview.

But in results of their study, which involved 541 patients given either Tamiflu alone, Relenza alone, or a combination, Leport's team found the combination was less effective at fighting flu.

They also found that the clinical effects of the oseltamivir-zanamivir combination on the time it took for symptoms to subside was "not significantly different" from that of using Relenza alone.

"This suggests that, at the least, we should be careful about using this combination," Leport said.

Tamiflu was widely used all over the world during the H1N1 flu pandemic, which began in early 2009 and was declared over by World Health Organization (WHO) in August this year. □

## Early Stages of Alzheimer's Traced to Critical Brain Region

Rachael Rettner

Alzheimer's disease may begin in a particularly vulnerable area of the brain and then further spread its damaging effects to other regions, according to a new study researchers conducted in mice.

The brain region, known as the entorhinal cortex, is part of a circuit that is crucial for memory. Researchers had previously suspected this region was affected early on in Alzheimer's disease.

The new study suggests the plaques - called amyloid-beta peptides, which build up in the brains of patients with Alzheimer's and damage memory - might spread to the rest of this brain from this region.

The finding could help researchers design new therapies for the disease, said study researcher Julie Harris, of the Gladstone Institute of Neurological Disease, in San Francisco.

"One could envision that targeting therapies to the entorhinal cortex early in the disease process could perhaps help stop spread of disease into other connected brain regions," she said.

The entorhinal cortex is connected to another brain region called the hippocampus, and interference with this connection may contribute to the memory loss seen in the early stages of Alzheimer's, the researchers found.

The proteins found in the brains of those affected with Alzheimer's disease are made from a larger protein called the amyloid precursor protein, or APP. In the study, Harris and her colleagues used mice that had been genetically engineered to produce APP only in the entorhinal cortex. Previous studies have used mice that make APP throughout their brains, which has made it difficult to determine how different brain regions may contribute to the disease, she said. The mice showed impairments in learning and memory that were similar to the problems seen in mice that produce APP in many brain areas. The mice also had deposits of amyloid-beta peptide in brain regions that receive input from the entorhinal cortex, Harris said. □







# Breakthrough: Microchip Implant Restores Partial Sight

Charles Q. Choi

For the first time, scientists have restored the ability of previously blind patients to recognize letters, fruit and other items using light-sensitive microchips

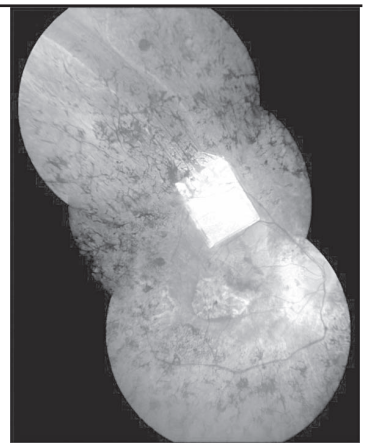
implanted in the inner surface of the eye.

One patient was able to read the hands of a clock, discern seven shades of gray, find and identify tableware and combine the letters of the

alphabet to form words.

The microchip is only approximately 3 millimeters by 3 millimeters in size, but is loaded with 1,500 light detectors that send a grid of electrical impulses through a

patient's nerves to generate a 1,500-pixel image. The device is implanted under the retina, the inner lining of the eye unlike other implants that sit outside the retina and require users to wear an external



The tiny retinal implant is inserted just under the retina in the eye.

## Zoo Atlanta panda gives birth for third time

By LEONARD PALLATS,

Associated Press

ATLANTA — A giant panda gave birth to her third cub Wednesday at Zoo Atlanta, one of only four U.S. zoos that house the endangered animals.

The cub weighed about 4 ounces and was about the size of a cell phone, zoo officials said. Mother panda Lun Lun had been on round-the-clock birth watch since Oct. 22, when an ultrasound confirmed the pregnancy.

The cub, the only giant panda born at a U.S. zoo so far this year, was born at 5:39 a.m. in a specially prepared birthing den, zoo officials said.

“We have a very healthy giant panda cub,” said zoo veterinarian Sam Rivera. He said zoo officials probably will get a chance to examine the cub and determine its gender next week after Lun Lun feels comfortable with setting it down.

It will take several weeks for the cub to develop its signature black and white fur.

“Lun Lun is an experienced mom. She knows exactly what to do, and she’s doing the right thing,” Rivera said. He said while Lun Lun’s mammary gland development indicates she’s producing milk, he can’t be certain yet whether the cub is nursing. “The first week is critical,” he said.

Zoo officials said the cub will go on display next spring. Panda fans can keep up with the cub’s growth at the zoo’s online panda cam, which showed Lun Lun licking and cuddling the cub Wednesday morning.

Pandas sometimes act pregnant even when they are not, which can keep zoos guessing until the animal actually gives birth. Zoo officials said this was the first time the zoo has been able to use an ultrasound to confirm a pregnancy with Lun Lun.

“It’s been unique that we were able to monitor the cub since it was pea-sized,” Rivera said.

Giant panda gestation averages 135 days but can range from 83-197 days.



FILE - In this Jan. 12, 2007 file photo, Giant Panda panda mother Lun Lun , right, eats bamboo as her cub Mei Lan explores her new habitat at Zoo Atlanta. Zoo officials say Lun Lun has given birth to her third cub at 5:39 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2010 in a specially prepared birthing den. Lun Lun was inseminated with sperm from her partner, Yang Yang, in June after the two failed to mate. The couple’s previous cubs were Mei Lan, born in 2006, and Xi Lan, born in 2008.

(AP Photo/John Bazemore, File)

The panda is trained to cooperate with medical procedures and tests, but refused those interventions during her last two pregnancies.

Lun Lun was inseminated with sperm from her partner, Yang Yang, in June after the two failed to mate. The couple’s previous cubs were Mei Lan, born in 2006, and Xi Lan, born in 2008.

The other U.S. zoos with giant pandas are in San Diego, Memphis and Washington. Researchers estimate only 1,600 to 3,000 of the endangered species remain in the wild and another 200 in captivity.

Xi Lan still lives in Atlanta, but his older sister Mei Lan was returned to China in February to help breed more of the endangered animals. China owns all the pandas in the U.S., even the cubs that are born here.

The new cub won’t be named until it is 100 days old, as is tradition in China. □

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camera. Since the chip requires a sharp image, the patients wear reading glasses. The implant, a product of 15 years of research, essentially replaces degenerated rod and cone cells in the retina of patients suffering from diseases such as retinitis pigmentosa, a group of inherited diseases that afflict 1 in 4,000 people across the world and is characterized by poor night vision and slow loss of peripheral vision. A thin wire snakes from inside the eye to its edge and then under the skin to a spot behind the ear, where patients can attach a cord linked to a control box that supplies power. Patients can also use the control box to adjust the brightness and contrast of images.

In the pilot study, 11 patients received an implant, all of whom had been blind for two to 15 years due to hereditary retinal dystrophy. Five of the 11 patients were able to recognize and localize sources of light or large, whitish objects. The last three had the chip implanted in the macula, the spot in the retina that normally has the sharpest vision, and after a week were able to see shapes and objects. The final patient was able to correctly identify apples and bananas read the time from a large clock and recognize individual letters and words within two to three weeks of implantation.

“There was a time when that one patient rediscovered his hand and was just fascinated by it, moved his fingers and took them apart, turned his hand over and looked at the movement of his thumb,” researcher Eberhart Zrenner, a neuro-ophthalmologist at the University of Tuebingen in Germany, told LiveScience. □



# Peruano Vargas Llosa dice que el Nobel ha revolucionado su vida

MADRID (Reuters) - El Premio Nobel de Literatura 2010, el peruano Mario Vargas Llosa, dijo el miércoles que el galardón revolucionó su vida de tal manera que ha perdido su plácida rutina de escritor con la que alumbró su nueva obra "El sueño del celta".

La novela del escritor peruano, nacido en Arequipa en 1936 y nacionalizado español, fue lanzada el miércoles en el mercado de habla hispana.

"El sueño del celta" está basada en la historia real de un diplomático británico del siglo XIX Robert Casement, quien fue de los primeros europeos en denunciar los abusos de la colonización en el Congo y en la selva amazónica.

"Estoy muy contento con haber recibido el premio, pero siento un desequilibrio con el que no me siento cómodo. No es el estilo de vida que me gusta tener", dijo Vargas Llosa en Madrid, en una concurrida conferencia de prensa con motivo del lanzamiento de su nueva novela.

"Mis aspiraciones literarias eran más ambiciosas: escribir buenas historias", agregó. Esa ambición guió "El sueño del celta", cuyo protagonista es una suerte de héroe, un visionario y un luchador social cuyos informes sobre la barbarie y de los "civilizados" colonizadores en Africa y América

ayudaron a las campañas de concienciación anticolonialistas en el continente europeo.

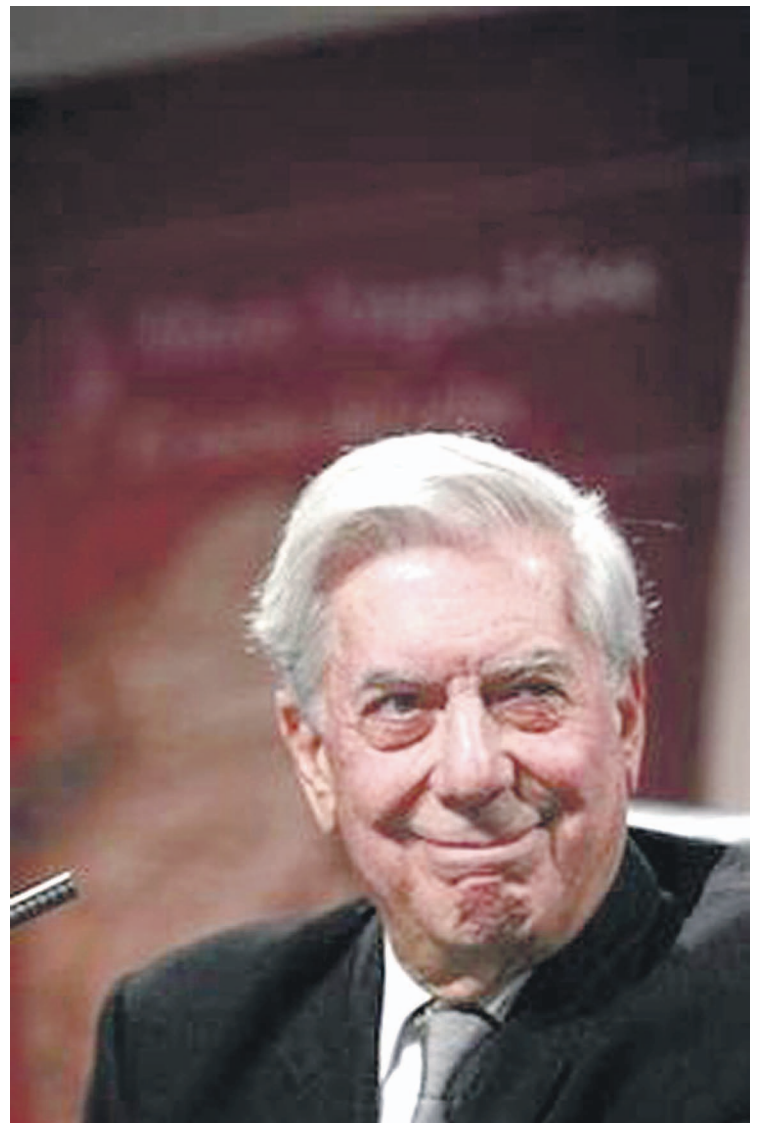
"La Europa de la civilidad, de la libertad, de las buenas maneras se convirtió allí (en el Congo y Amazonia) en un mundo sin ley, guiado por la codicia, en un contexto de absoluta impunidad y (los europeos) se convirtieron en monstruos", dijo el académico de la lengua española.

La novela, que sale al mercado hispano con una tirada inicial de 500.000 ejemplares, atrapó al escritor por lo controvertido del personaje, un hombre que en los últimos días de su vida terminó despreciado por muchos compatriotas tras airearse unas supuestas aventuras sexuales escabrosas.

"Por un parte héroe, con un coraje fuera de lo común, y de otro un ser humano falible, con debilidades e incongruencias", destacó Vargas Llosa sobre el protagonista de su historia.

Vargas Llosa se dio a conocer como escritor con la obra "La ciudad y los perros" en 1962 y posteriormente con obras como "La casa verde", "Conversaciones en la catedral" y "La guerra del fin del mundo", entre otros.

El escritor peruano fue uno de los protagonistas del llamado "boom latinoamericano" de la literatura junto a grandes figuras como García Márquez, el argentino Julio Cortázar o los mexicanos Carlos Fuentes y Juan Rulfo. □



El ganador del premio Nobel de Literatura 2010, Mario Vargas Llosa, durante una conferencia en Madrid. Nov 3 2010 El Premio Nobel de Literatura 2010, el peruano Mario Vargas Llosa, dijo el miércoles que el galardón revolucionó su vida de tal manera que ha perdido su plácida rutina de escritor con la que alumbró su nueva obra 'El sueño del celta'. REUTERS/Andrea Comas

*Perú:*

## Berenson espera ratificación de su libertad condicional

LIMA (AP) - La estadounidense Lori Berenson cuenta las horas a la espera de que una jueza le ratifique el beneficio de la libertad condicional, que perdió luego de un breve tiempo fuera de la prisión donde cumplió casi 15 años de condena por colaboración con el terrorismo.

El viernes, la jueza Jessica León se pronunciará sobre si ratifica la libertad condicional concedida a Berenson a fines de mayo, tras considerar que se encontraba apta para reintegrarse en la sociedad, y que ya había cumplido los tres cuartos de su condena de 20 años. Berenson, de 40 años de edad, sin embargo, solo gozó de la libertad por

poco más de dos meses y medio, debido a que la Sala Penal Nacional en segunda instancia, anuló el fallo de León argumentando que la libertad condicional fue concedida pese a la falta de un informe policial de verificación del domicilio donde residiría la estadounidense. El 18 de agosto Berenson fue internada nuevamente en prisión llevando consigo a su bebé, Salvador, hoy de 18 meses de edad.

Aníbal Apari, esposo y a la vez abogado de la estadounidense, prevé que León fallará nuevamente a favor de concederle la libertad condicional, porque "no hay ninguna razón para

que eso varíe".

Sin embargo, la lucha legal de Berenson no habrá acabado aún. "El escenario siguiente es Lori sale en libertad, el procurador puede apelar, probablemente va a apelar, y nuevamente corre un plazo de dos o tres meses antes que la sala resuelva la apelación", dijo Apari a la AP.

El procurador antiterrorismo Julio Galindo reiteró el miércoles que apelará el fallo de León si es favorable a Berenson. El funcionario prometió anteriormente hacer todo lo que estuviera a su alcance para evitar que Berenson quede en libertad, esgrimiendo su deber de defender a la sociedad peruana. □

## Obreros y maestros marchan en Honduras

TEGUCIGALPA (AP) - Obreros, estudiantes y maestros marcharon separadamente el miércoles por las principales calles de la capital hondureña para rechazar un aumento salarial del 7% decretado por el gobierno y una ley de empleo temporal que estudia la legislatura.

Los maestros se concentraron inicialmente en la Universidad Pedagógica Nacional, al sureste de la ciudad, y después caminaron unos cuatro kilómetros hasta apostarse por cuatro horas en las cercanías de la Casa Presidencial.

Las protestas estuvieron orientadas a rechazar la decisión de Lobo de separar por 12 meses el ajuste salarial a los maestros, ligado desde hace 17 años al de unos 500.000 empleados gubernamentales y privados como médicos, enfermeras, microbiólogos, docentes universitarios, farmacéuticos, trabajadores sociales y odontólogos.

Las proyecciones oficiales indican que el Estado eroga cada año al menos 70 millones de dólares en aumentos salariales sólo a los pedagogos. Los obreros se reunieron en el parque El Obelisco, al sur de Tegucigalpa, y posteriormente marcharon a los bajos del Palacio Legislativo y la Secretaría de Finanzas. □





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